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VOTING MADE SIMPLE:

Comparing Bush and Kerry

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With less than a month to go before voters cast their ballot for the next U.S. president, citizens are taking a closer look at what President George W. Bush has accomplished, and what Senator John Kerry has to offer.

But with all the hype and spin associated with this year's campaign it has become difficult for many voters to get a clear understanding of where Bush and Kerry really stand on critical issues.

This week The Recorder is offering a quick, easy-to-read guide to both candidates' views. So take a look at each issue to see which candidate best fits your values, and remember to let your voice be heard on Nov. 21.

Bush



In March 2003 he ordered an invasion of Iraq, which was authorized by Congress. In a recent speech to the United Nations and during last week's presidential debates Bush defended his decision, saying the regime of Saddam Hussein was brutal to its own people and presented a serious threat to America's security with the potential for dangerous weapons. His administration and allies set up an interim government that will run the country until elections in January. Bush contends that both Iraq and Afghanistan have been better off after American intervention because they are on the path to "freedom and democracy." He laments the deaths of over 1,000 American soldiers and civilians, but says U.S. forces must stay the course "until the job is done." Otherwise, he believes, their sacrifices would be in vain if the mission is not completed.

Iraq



Kerry voted to give Bush authority to wage war but voted against the \$87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan. He has criticized Bush for going to war based on tainted intelligence but he has said that he still would have voted to authorize the war even if he'd known that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Kerry believes that Bush has broken his promises and is mismanaging the war. He has a four-point plan, which includes accelerating the military transition, refocus reconstruction, ensure that democracy takes root and lessen the burden on the U.S. by bringing in greater foreign aid and support. He has no deadline for U.S. troops to be withdrawn.

Homeland Security

Bush

Because he was president during the Sept. 11 attacks, ensuring national security has become a centerpiece of Bush's policies. He takes pride in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, which combined 22 federal agencies for more effective prevention of (and response to) terrorist attacks. Bush supports all aspects of the U.S. Patriot Act and favors further expansion. Although he was originally slow to embrace the 9/11 Commission, he now supports their recommendation to create an "Intelligence Czar" who can coordinate the nation's fragmented intelligence community. He has pushed for the BioWatch Program, a multi-billion dollar plan designed to stop biological and chemical attacks. Supports construction of a complex missile defense apparatus to block long-range and intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) before they reach the U.S.

Kerry

Kerry has said he will immediately implement the 9/11 Commission recommendations for a point plan for homeland security, improving the ability to track terrorists by requiring intelligence agencies to act; plug security holes at airports, seaports and borders; assess and repair vulnerabilities within infrastructure such as mass transportation; provide better support for responders in medical and mental health care; and ramp up the guard against violations of civil liberties.

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Indiana's Black politicians firmly support Kernan/Davis ticket

By AMOS BROWN III
Indianapolis Recorder Exclusive

the upcoming November election.

"This is one of the most important elections in a lifetime," said Carson.

Congresswoman Carson was eloquent and blunt in her reasons African Americans must support Kernan and Davis.

"Joe Kernan is an individual who deserves to continue in the office of governor of Indiana," Carson proclaimed.

Saying that she was "yearning for Kernan," the four term congresswoman stated, "I am proud to be in a state represented by the genius of Joe Kernan."

Carson urged the African-American community to work "to make sure that the Kernan-Davis team is successful in November."

Gov. Kernan expressed his appreciation at the support from the state's Black elected officials.

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Paid debt? Ex-offenders battle for reintegration

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

available for this group, and with many people's lack of concern or mistrust of ex-offenders the problem isn't going away.

"We work with them here (at Christamore) to some extent but we want to emphasize the question, 'How long will they suffer?'" said Williams. "The ex-offender population is growing and the need is growing but the resources are decreasing."

The biggest obstacle faced is employment. Without a job, ex-offenders have trouble getting basic living necessities such as housing and food. This increases the chances of them committing a crime to survive.

"The primary issue is employment."

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Haughville teens awarded for bravery

By ERICKA C. WHEELER
Staff Writer

A Sheriff Deputy hails two Haughville teen boys for saving her life last month.

On Sept. 17, Travis Curd and Bobby Green Jr., both 16, were on their way to an after school

program offered at the Christamore House, a Haughville youth center. Only half-a-block away from the community center, near 23rd and Walnut Street, the two heard the cries of a lady. Once closer to the scene, the two witnessed

Shanell Crockett, 35, being attacked by her husband Stephen L. Jones, 36, with a knife.

The two boys were uncertain on how to approach a man twice their age, size and who held a deadly weapon. But what the two were sure of was to intervene on the estranged husband attacking his wife while approximately 15 bystanders stood by.

"Once we were closer to the scene and saw that he was attacking her with a knife we knew that we had to do something," Curd said. "We approached him and asked why he was hurting her and he said, 'this is my wife,' so I told him that he was suppose to love his wife and to get off her."

The two boys exchanged words with Jones and eventually convinced him to pull himself off the wife, who suffered multiple stab wounds to the hand and face that required more than 100 stitches.

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Bobby Green Jr. (far left) and Travis Curd (far right) are awarded for their recent bravery that saved the life of Sheriff Deputy Shanell Crockett (second from right) along with Christamore House Executive Director Olgen Williams. (Photo/C. Guyann)



Check out Circle City Classic recaps throughout The Recorder and two full pages of photos, pages A6 and A7.

City's first Community Development Summit

On Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South, Mayor Bart Peterson invites residents, community leaders, business owners and neighborhood representatives to come together to initiate a renewed vision for strengthening Indianapolis neighborhoods during the city's first-ever Community Development Summit.

The Community Development Summit will focus on prioritizing goals for future neighborhood revitalization efforts and result in a more comprehensive approach to community development in Indianapolis.

The summit will engage participants in a dialogue that addresses the core questions: What makes a healthy neighborhood, what are the barriers to achieving healthy neighborhoods, what are the strategies for obtaining healthy neighborhoods?

Following the summit, a group of civic leaders will study the issues and priorities identified from these core questions, develop a consensus vision for a county-wide approach to building stronger, healthier

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Got a hot news tip? Want to be heard?

If you would like to report any news or share your comments, call the Recorder News Hotline at (317) 924-5143 ext 300

Making school safer for kids

Keisha Nickolson of Indiana Safe Kids Coalition surveys the walking conditions for child pedestrians with Dwight West, a volunteer, to make the public aware of safety issues for children walking near IPS School 69, located at the intersection of 34th Street and Keystone Avenue. Indianapolis police handed out 85 citations for unsafe driving in the area over a two-day period. (Photo/J. Hurst)



Gov. Joe Kernan (right) and Bishop T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., senior pastor of Light of the World Christian Church, welcome attendees to the 21st annual Coca-Cola Circle City Classic. (Photo/J. Hurst)

2nd defendant sentenced in desecration of grave

JASPER, Texas (AP)—The second defendant charged with desecrating the grave of a Black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in east Texas has pleaded guilty to criminal mischief.

John Matthew Fowler, 20, was sentenced last week to 10 years probation, fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay nearly \$28,000 in restitution. He apologized for damaging the gravesite.

The dragging death, perpetrated by three white men,

occurred in 1998. In May, racial slurs and profanities were found etched into a steel plate covering part of the vault of James Byrd Jr.'s grave. His headstone also had been toppled.

Joshua Lee Talley, 19, was sentenced in September to five months in jail and 10 years probation after pleading guilty in the case. He was also fined and ordered to pay restitution.

Both Fowler and Talley are white.

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He told them that his goal if elected is "for everybody to have a good job, to be able to support their families, buy a house, fight for affordable prescription drugs."

Indiana "must invest in education," including full day kindergarten which Kernan calls "the most effective way to eliminate the achievement gap among minority youth in Indiana."

Kernan framed the importance of this election for the African-American community.

"It is important to send the members of the Black Caucus back to the General Assembly," said Kernan firmly.

"If we lose the House or it goes 50-50, then diversity will be stifled," Kernan avowed.

"If that happens then Bill Crawford won't be the head of Ways and Means, Greg Porter won't be head of Education, Charlie Brown won't head Health, Vanessa Summers won't head Human Services, Earl Harris won't be part of the leadership."

If Republicans take control of the Legislature, said Kernan, "It will be harder for Blacks to have their voices heard."

Among the officials in attendance declaring their strong support for Kernan and Davis were: state Sens. Billie Breaux, Glenn Howard and Earline Rogers; state Reps. Bill Crawford, Greg Porter, Vanessa Summers, Mae Dickenson, Carolene Mays. Also there in support was Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson and Pike Township Trustee Lula Patton.

In fact Anderson said it best, "It's time for no more I'm a gonna. Let's get out there and get busy and elect Joe Kernan and Kathy Davis."

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"I call them my angels," Crockett said. "I called out the name of Jesus and he sent me those two boys, Travis and Bobby and I am very grateful to them," said Crockett, the victim.

"We felt that we had two Haughville heroes here. They went to save a woman who was being attacked," said Olgen Williams executive director of the Christamore House. "They deserve to be honored and awarded because of their heroic actions."

Recognition of their brave act has come on both a local and national level. On last Thursday, the two teens and their families traveled to Washington D.C. to be honored by the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise in the way of an award luncheon and a tour of the nation's capital. The two were honored with a \$5,000 scholarship, which, upon graduation from high school will go towards their secondary education.

"I want to do some work in construction since I am currently involved in it with my school," said Green a junior at Ben Davis High School.

Curd says that he plans to utilize his scholarship to enroll into college and major in business.

"I want to own my own business," said Curd a sophomore at Indianapolis Met charter school.

During their stay in D.C. the two were able to meet with Indiana U.S.

Sen. Richard Lugar, who shared his remarks about the brave teens.

"Travis and Bobby came to the aid of a law enforcement officer who was in distress," said Lugar. "These two impressive young men realize their part in making Indianapolis a safe community, furthermore, the Christamore House has provided an important opportunity for them to demonstrate their leadership."

Along with other recognition, the two have obtained free computers from a local business, Red Cross is asking for the two teens to complete an application to be considered for induction into their Hall of Fame of Heroes, LoBill's supplied both boys with a gift certificate and popular daytime talk show host Montell Williams is looking into having the boys tell their story on his hour-long talk show.

Both teens finished violence prevention classes one week prior to the attack. Green was enrolled in a summer program at Department of Justice's Weed and Seed program.

"This is not what I expected," Curd modestly said of the duo's recent recognition and awards. "We approached the man because it was the right thing to do."

Jones, the victim's husband was charged with aggravated battery, domestic battery and aggravated assault. According to a recent police report, he is undergoing psychiatric treatment at Wishard Hospital.

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neighborhoods and create an agenda for continuing a dialogue about these issues.

Health Department responds to reduction of flu vaccine

The Marion County Health Department (MCHD) announced a reduction in the anticipated national supply of flu vaccine that resulted in changes to the county's flu vaccine program. The reduction will ensure that only those at high risk for the flu will receive the vaccine. High risk individuals include adults age 65 and older, children ages six to 23 months, adults and children with chronic illness, residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities, pregnant women, children and adolescents (six months to 18 years of age) who are receiving long term aspirin therapy and may be at risk for Reye's syndrome after influenza. For more information call the MCHD flu hotline at (317) 221-2121.

NADA proclaims October "Booster Seat

Open Mic Night at X-Pression

Midtown Writers Association presents Kafe Kuumba Thursday Night Open Mic at Big Fella's Family Restaurant, 3469 N. College Ave. Open Night is held from 6 to 9 p.m. at X-Pression Bookstore & Gallery, 970 Ft. Wayne Ave. on every first and third Sundays of the month. Both events are free admission.

NADA proclaims October "Booster Seat Safety Month"

The National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) has proclaimed October "Booster Seat Safety Month." The decision, which was made at a meeting of the association's board of directors in Amelia Island, Florida, supports NADA's growing commitment to child passenger safety. New-car dealers in all 50 states will host child seat safety events at their dealerships during the month of October as part of a national public awareness campaign. Safety experts have identified proper booster seat use for children in the four-to-eight age range as one of the nation's most important child passenger safety priorities. The campaign is part

of a partnership between NADA and NHTSA to promote child passenger safety.

For more information contact Jeff Beddow at (703) 821-7121.

BMV closed Monday's, open Saturday's

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles reminds its customers that all license branches are now closed every Monday. Additionally, BMV administrative offices will be closed Mon., Oct. 11 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

"This is a more customer-friendly schedule that opens the branches when people need them," said Commissioner Mary L. DePrez. "Closing on

Monday allows us to provide these new hours at no additional operating cost."

Effective Oct. 4, business hours for all full-service license branches are: Monday: Closed, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Motorists can also use BMV Express automated services 24 hours a day to conduct business by phone, Internet or at any Self-Service Terminal (SST). Vehicle registrations can be renewed by phone with BMV Express Touch-Tone Renewal at 1-877-4-NEW-BMV. Standard

vehicle registrations and driver license renewals as well as SST location searches can be conducted over the Internet at www.bmvexpress.IN.gov.

How to start your own business

On Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. the U.S. Small Business Administration

(SBA) is sponsoring How to Start a Business at the SBA/Bank One Business Information Center (BIC). The BIC is located at 2126 N. Meridian St.

Attendees at this free seminar will learn about key considerations for starting and operating a successful business such as: family and personal consideration, management versus technical expertise needs,

options for the legal structure of the business, essential start-up accounting projections and realities of new business financing.

Reservations for this free seminar are required, as seating is limited. To find out more information or to reserve your space, contact the SBA Indiana District at (317) 226-7272 or at www.sba.gov/in.

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ployment," said Williams. "After you answer yes to the question 'Have you ever been convicted of a crime?' employers don't look any further. You don't even get a chance to explain. Especially post 9/11 has caused more barriers because people are just more distrustful."

The conference will discuss employment, housing, education and what it takes to seal a criminal record.

Section 8 and similar programs exclude ex-offenders for housing, as well as many private-housing communities.

There are laws that exclude ex-offenders from getting certain licenses such as an ambulance driver or IPS bus driver. "It might not even be a related crime," said Williams. "This makes it difficult to move forward in a career."

Currently there are efforts to pass legislation to help ex-offenders.

"There is legislation trying to pass to expunge the record after a certain period of time with no other offenses for certain non-violent crimes," said Williams.

The conference is free of

charge with lunch provided. Advanced registration is required by Oct. 20. Panelists will include judges, housing representatives, council representatives, ex-offenders and employers.

For more information or to register e-mail your name/ title, organization, and address with state and zip code and email address to indywesco@aol.com or owilliams@christamorehouse.com. You can also fax the information to (317) 327-7937 or (317) 635-1388, attention: Conference.

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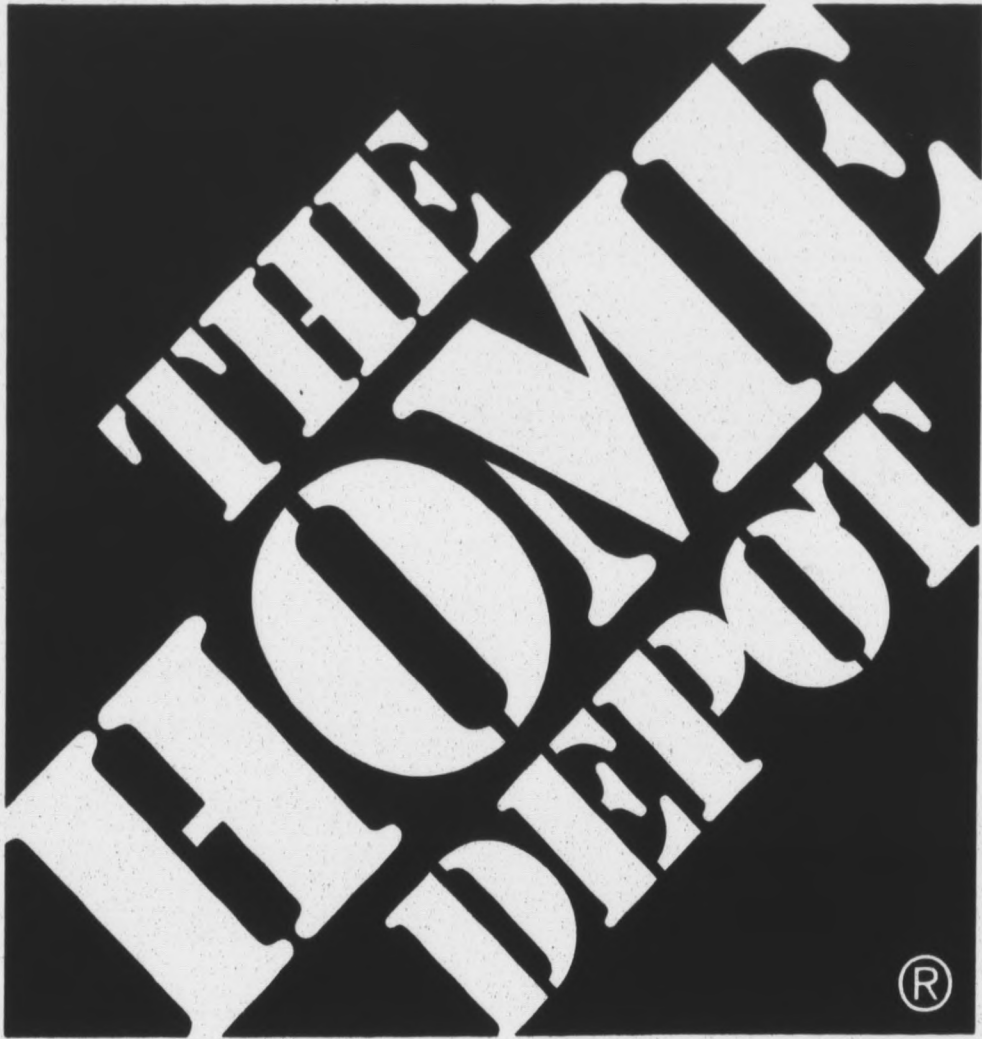
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Conservative leader to speak to ICLU

Special to The Recorder

The Indiana Civil Liberties Union's annual dinner and student conference on Oct. 9th will feature former Congressman Bob Barr, one of the most visible and outspoken conservative leaders in the nation.

Barr represented Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee. He is now affiliated with the American Conservative Union, the National Rifle Association and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, as well as acting as a consultant to the ACLU. Recognizing Barr's leadership in privacy matters, New York Times columnist William Safire has called him "Mr. Privacy."

Although the ICLU and ACLU are often branded as "liberal" organizations, former Rep. Barr makes the argument that there is nothing more conservative than advocating the limited government guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. "Government has become so big, so powerful and so hungry for more power that it's sort of compressed the



Congressman Bob Barr

ideological spectrum so that the right and the left - the true right and the true left - have come together to try to protect what little privacy and civil liberty we have left," he says. Barr is an outspoken critic of the USA Patriot Act and efforts by President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft to expand federal agents' spying powers.

"Rep. Barr embodies the prin-

ciple that this is an era when concerned citizens from across the political spectrum need to band together to protect civil liberties," says ICLU Executive Director Fran Quigley. "Some of our members likely don't agree with every position held by Mr. Barr, and I'm sure the opposite is true as well. But we do agree that we face an enormous threat to privacy rights, so we are teaming up to protect the Constitution."

Barr's talk will be the culmination of a day and evening that starts with the ICLU's Student and Membership Conference, featuring plenary sessions on the Separation of Church and State, Balancing Civil Liberties and National Security, plus workshops on the USA Patriot Act, Religion in Public Policy, Gay Rights & Marriage, Search & Seizure, Prisoner Rights and more.

The conference and dinner will be held at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Union Station in downtown Indianapolis.

More information about the conference can be found at www.iclu.org.

High court lets stand casino tax ruling

Special to The Recorder

Indiana's riverboat casinos must pay an estimated \$200 million in back taxes under a ruling that the state Supreme Court let stand this week.

The ruling also could cost the 10 casinos collectively up to \$50 million more a year in corporate

income taxes, according to Mike Smith, executive director of the Indiana Casino Association.

"This really amounts to a substantial tax increase," said Smith. "It's unfortunate because it affects our ability to invest in our properties and to give philanthropically to our communities."

The Indiana Tax Court ruled in April that Aztar Corp., which operates Evansville's riverboat, was not entitled to deduct wagering taxes from its state income tax bill.

The state's other gaming companies have claimed the same deduction, Smith said.

The casinos appealed the April decision. This week, the state's high court declined to hear the case. Casino attorneys are looking for other ways to fight the tax ruling, but Smith acknowledged that the high court was "basically our last option."

The Indiana Department of Revenue is auditing the casinos' past tax data to determine how much each company owes, said the department's deputy commissioner, Larry McKee. Each casino will be assessed back taxes plus penalties and interest, he said.

A spokesman for Gov. Joe Kernan welcomed the ruling, which provides money to help close the state's more than \$800 million budget deficit.

"It's money coming at a good time," said Jonathan Swain, Kernan's press secretary. "Certainly, going into this next two-year budget, it's good news to know that this money will be coming in."

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Bush

Earlier this year the president called for a constitutional amendment clearly defining legal marriage in America as between a man and a woman, which would basically ban same-sex marriages. He believes states should have the right to decide whether or not they want to provide benefits to same sex couples living in civil unions. Favors the traditional "don't ask, don't tell" policy which allows gays and lesbians to serve in the U.S. military as long as they don't practice their sexuality openly.

Kerry

Kerry opposes same-sex marriages but at the same time opposes a constitutional amendment to ban them. He supports acknowledgment of civil unions to extend all federal benefits to same-sex couples. Kerry also supports allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

ENVIRONMENT

Bush

Promoted the Clear Skies initiative to improve air quality. He favors more logging of forests to prevent fires, a cap on mercury emissions, and movement towards non-polluting, hydrogen fueled economy. Supports oil drilling in the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge to increase domestic oil production, which he says will reduce America's foreign dependence on oil. Believes the environment can be better protected if the government works with industry instead of regulating it. At the beginning of his term Bush pulled the U.S. out of the Kyoto climate change treaty, saying it was unfair to American industry.

Kerry

Kerry favors a strong federal role to provide consistent environmental protections and opposes logging in secluded areas to prevent fires. He voted against more funding for forest roads and fish habitat.

IMMIGRATION

Bush

The president believes immigration has enriched the country. He has proposed granting temporary legal status to millions of workers in the United States who have come here illegally. Bush would also like to expand current programs that distribute that direct highly skilled foreign workers to sectors of the economy that are not being filled by Americans. He does not believe, however, that illegal immigrants should have an "automatic path to citizenship." Bush recently said he respects other languages but believes all students in America should learn English.

Kerry

Kerry has said that individuals who have been in the U.S. for up to five years, paid taxes and have stayed out of trouble should be allowed to become an American citizen. He promises to restore immigrant benefits lost in the 1996 welfare reform and rushed citizenship for members of the Armed Forces.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/DRUGS

Bush

Says he has sympathy for drug addicts because of his past battles with alcoholism. Would like to see more faith-based institutions take the lead in helping addicted Americans. Favors "tough love" measures to reform troubled youth, such as disciplined boot camps. He has supported tough laws for cocaine possession, mandatory sentencing for repeat offenders, registration for sexual criminals and recently proposed \$23 million for drug testing in schools. Promotes more aid to countries such as Colombia that are fighting international drug trafficking. The state of Texas led the nation in executions when he was governor there. Bush recently said he wasn't proud of that distinction, but upholds the death penalty as a "necessary deterrent that saves other people's lives."

Kerry

Kerry opposes the death penalty except for post 9/11 terrorists. He has sponsored legislation to impose a standstill on federal executions. Kerry has voted against mandatory prison terms for crimes involving guns and also against rejecting racial statistics in death penalty appeals.

ABORTION

Bush

A right-to-life advocate who opposes abortion except in very exceptional cases of rape, incest or endangerment of a woman's life. He is also firmly against all methods of partial-birth abortion, funding for international organizations involved in abortion, and school-based clinics that provide counseling and information for contraception and abortion. To discourage abortion, he supports tax credits for citizens who adopt children.

Kerry

Kerry supports legal abortion. He has said that he would not choose Supreme Court nominees who disagreed with him. Kerry has also endorsed family planning and health insurance plans that provide abortion counseling and birth control coverage.

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Harris speaks with Rap City the Bassment and Tigger and Kodjoe.



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The Tennessee State University Tigers cheerleaders show support of their school.



Left to right: Emerson Allen, faith-based coordinator for the City of Indianapolis speaks with Lamon Brewster, an Indianapolis native and WBO heavy weight champion. Actor Boris Kodjoe stands on the sidelines.



American Family Insurance Classic Parade grand marshal and gospel artist Yolanda Adams sang the national anthem and the Black national anthem before game kick-off.



The Caterpillar Battle of the Bands featured a post game show.

2004 Classic Coaches Luncheon



On Friday during the Indianapolis Colts Coaches Luncheon at the Sagamore Ballroom George McGinnis was awarded the Marshall "Major" Taylor Award.



The 2004 Miss Circle City Classic Jeniece Fleming of North Central High School sat at the head table during the annual luncheon.



This year, five high school student athletes were honored with the Circle City Classic Student Athlete Awards.



Tennessee State Head Coach James Reese speaks to attendees about the success of his team. The Tigers will return for the 2005 Coca-Cola Circle City Classic.

South Carolina State University Head Coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough makes a few jokes with the crowd. (Photos/M. Patton)



Classic youth Camp



The Classic Youth Football & Cheerleading Clinic was held last week at the Colts Complex. During the event Reggie Wayne, Colts wide receiver, signs autographs for participants.



Over 500 youth ages six to 14 were invited to attend the free camp, which lasted approximately five hours. Participants were taught sportsmanship, along with other athletic training.



Indianapolis Colt's Head Coach, Tony Dungy speaks with Indianapolis Urban League president Joe Slash during the one-day camp.

Colts cheerleaders (from left) Amy, Brandi, Crystal and Hilari were on-site to assist up and coming cheerleaders. (Photos/M. Patton)



NAACP president test tasers

Special to The Recorder

NAACP president Carl Mack and Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske experienced first-hand

what it feels like to get jolted with by 50,000-volt police tasers last week.

Mack and Kerlikowske both agreed to be tasered after many meetings re-

garding alleged excessive use of tasers by police officers.

"The NAACP started receiving many phone calls regarding tasers," ex-

plained Mack. "My personal reason for wanting to be tasered is so that I will know what people are going through (when tasered)."

At least one death and several injuries have been attributed to the hand-held devices.

Mack said that because of his inquiries with the

Seattle Police Department he is now very familiar with the use of tasers and all of the procedures involved in their use; but he still needed to find out the physical effects that tasers have on victims, so that he could have better sense on how to handle complaints of alleged taser abuse in the future.

"I mentioned to the Chief that I wanted to be tased, and asked him if he could arrange it," said Mack. "The chief said that he had never been tased before either and if I did it, he'd do it too."

Both men received two-second jolts from the taser, at the same time. Both men groaned during the exercise and then slumped over into the arms of the handlers holding each of them up.

"I've never felt anything like that in my life," said Mack a few minutes after the exercise. "I had no control of my body at all. It takes everything out of you."

"It's a scary feeling," said Kerlikowske. "You can't move, you couldn't even blink if you wanted to."

Mack originally wanted to be tased for a full five seconds; the length of time a taser is administered under normal use by officers, but was talked out of it by Kerlikowske before hand.

"I'm glad the Chief talked me into just two," said Mack.

Mack had only one word of advice to people with regards to dealing with police after the experience: "Comply."

Approximately one-third of the department's officers are fully trained to use and carry tasers. The departments started using this non-lethal weapon after the David Walker incident in 2000, where police shot and killed Walker who was mentally ill.

Mack made reference to David Walker and other eight African American men who had been killed in altercations with police in the span of nine years.

"I think some of those lives could have been saved with this technology," Mack said.

And more importantly for Mack the use of tasers by police provides more accountability than any other weapons system. The tasers have a computer chips that log each the date, time, and number of times that the taser has been used, and acts as an 'impartial witness,' so allegations of abusive multiple use can be checked.

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Inner city students excel in science



Students participate in the archaeological dig during the required summer workshop on the campus of Purdue University.

By **ERICKA C. WHEELER**
Staff Writer

A host of Indianapolis business organizations have joined together to offer inner city high school students a chance to excel in the science, technology and engineering fields of study.

Science Bound, a Purdue University and Indianapolis Public Schools creation, has experienced another successful year in educating high school students.

"Science Bound has enjoyed a tremendous year, thanks to the generosity of the Indianapolis business community," Science Bound director Wesley Campbell said. "Career Day, the parent retreat, the archaeological dig, company tours, field trips to the symphony and a slew of other activities would never happen without their support."

Nearly 400 students around the state are excelling in the Science Bound program.

To be eligible, a student must be nominated from their middle school teacher, counselor or principal. Once selected into the program, students will undergo a five-year science, math or engineering program, beginning in the eighth grade, and must successfully be accepted into a science, engineering and technol-

ogy program at their IPS high school.

And after five years of successfully maintaining a positive grade point average, students may be eligible to receive a four-year scholarship to attend Purdue University.

"In particular, we want to recognize students who are academically bright and who, at the same time, may have disadvantages that might prevent them from attending college. We are pleased to be able to provide the funding to secure their futures and, hopefully, keep some of our best and brightest minds in Indiana," said Dennis Oklak president and CEO of Duke Realty, a company that supports the Science Bound program.

Amber Spradley, a freshman at Arlington High School is in her third year with the program. In order to successfully complete the program, she must attend summer workshops on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette. Spradley agreed that the programs help her excel in high school.

"The programs are hands on, which helps me to learn and grasp what is being taught," Spradley said. "The summer programs are fun and I enjoy going to them every year."

Upon her graduation in 2008 she plans to study engineering in the field of aerospace and hoping to obtain a job with NASA.

Along with participating in the summer programs, Summer Bound organizers supply a mentorship program with university students who currently major in science, engineering and technology to assist their high school students in the area of educational development. Other supplement programs offered by the program are internship leadership, and fund raiser opportunities.

The Science Bound program

was created in 2000. Currently, there are 63 Indianapolis inner city students from 11 IPS schools participating in the program.

"We chose Science Bound because of their goals of encouraging IPS students to pursue higher education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math/science education," said Cheryl Watson, chief communications officer for Nelnet. "We want to assist educators in providing support to students and supporting Science Bound is in complete alignment with Nelnet's vision of making educational dreams possible."



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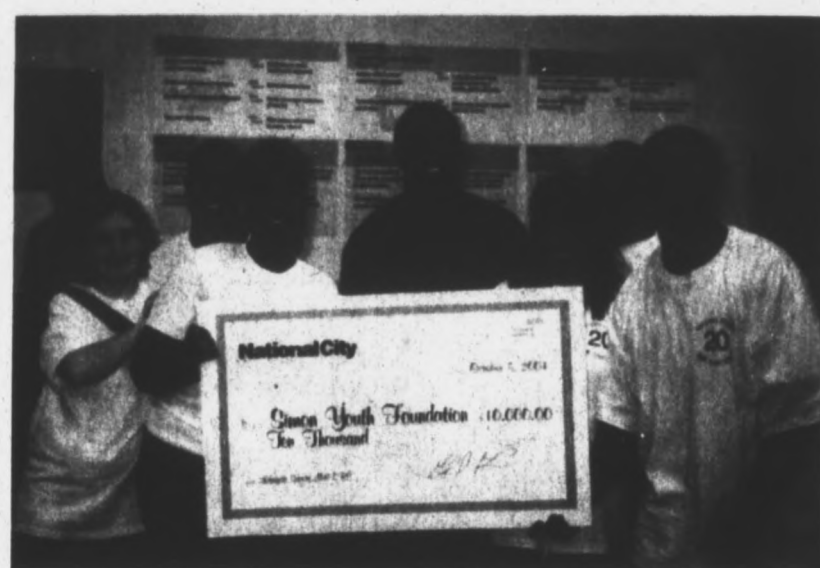
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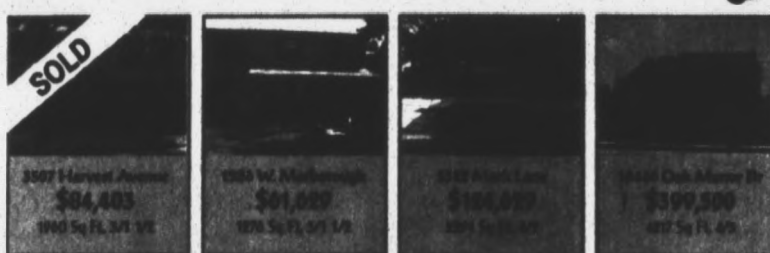
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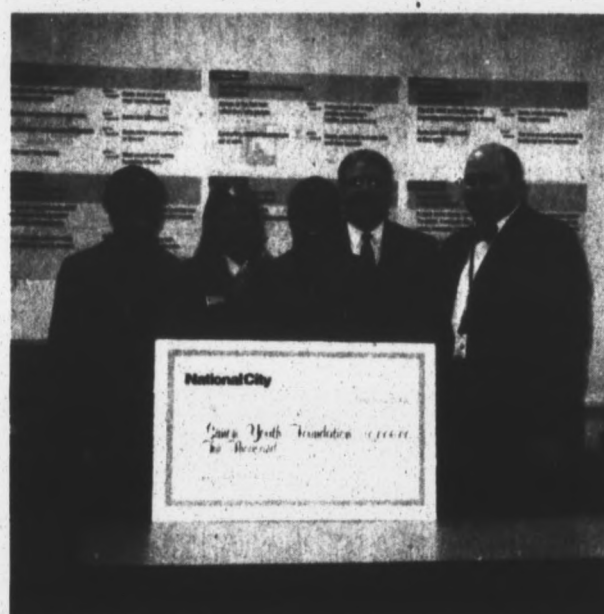
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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

High-stakes testing: winners and losers

By Leroy Robinson



This is the last of a three part series that discusses the realities of who really benefits from statewide mandatory standardized testing.

Since the onset of these yearly exams, and the manner in which they are being used to determine the "value" of a person's education success, I have been personally disappointed in the extent of their use. I am not convinced that many of those who are in support of these exams honestly want all kids to do well on them and I am also convinced that the lowest scores are being used for more than just comparisons and rankings. The failure rates on these exams are just as important as the success rates. The numbers are critical for future research and planning...not just for those who pass, but also for those who fail. There are plans being made for the future based on those students who are consistently failing these exams today.

For the last few weeks, the research from Education Professor Ellen Brantlinger, Indiana University has been used to support my notion that public school students are not the intended beneficiaries of standardized tests. There is an entire list of those who reap great rewards and benefits from these nationwide exams, and the students and school systems are but a pawn in this game of "winners and losers."

Below, Professor Brantlinger discusses the remaining groups and how they benefit from this mandatory "high-stakes" testing: **Benefits for Advocates of School Privatization**

Earlier high-stakes initiatives had an impact only on failing schools; that is, low-income, minority school populations. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regulations exert control over all schools by insisting they document continuous annual progress. Evidence of public school failure provides the incentive for privatization. NCLB offers the condition that families can move their children from failing to successful schools, including private ones.

Thus, the federal government mandates that vouchers be provided for private schools. Although their agenda for privatization is less encompassing and not founded on free market ideology, the fundamentalist religious right and racial separatists join the public education bashing in order to fund the parochial and/or segregated schools of their choice. The pluralist, democratic dream of diverse children coming together in public schools is forsaken.

Benefits for Enterprising School Superintendents

High-stakes tests have distinctive outcomes for various school districts. Given the high correlation of social class/race and achievement outcomes, it is evident that school districts with the lowest percentage of children on free and reduced lunch will have higher scores and will look best when test outcomes are publicized.

Administrators and teachers in high-income school catchment zones tend to believe that higher scores are due to their management and instructional competencies. Such deceptive boasting is not as corrupt as the deliberate manipulation of the student test pool to make a district and its administration look good. In an article graphically entitled, "Flunk 'em or get them classified," McGill-Franzen and Allington (1993) exposed administrators' practice of classifying students as disabled in order to eliminate them from the test pool and retaining students ineligible for classification so their scores could be averaged into a lower grade level. These actions resulted in dramatic improvement in school or district test scores, but had negative consequences for re-

tained and classified students.

Conclusion: Opposition to testing

The vision of school reform proposed by the unnamed Editors of Rethinking Schools (2000) resonates with my beliefs. Their principles to guide reform initiatives include schools: being responsible to communities, not the marketplace; being actively multicultural and anti-racist; being willing to promote social justice for all; being geared toward learning for life and the needs of democracy; receiving adequate and equal resources; collaborating with parents and community members. They look beyond schools and insist that communities also must be revitalized.

Kailin (2000) argues that high-stakes testing, retention, and accountability standards are new ways to create notions of failure and keep the masses back. She questions how such reforms can be constructive, when, for example, in the city of New Orleans, 91 out of 103 schools are considered below adequate (failing) schools in which the official response is to subject students, teachers, and administrators to stringent repercussions. Neill (2000) calls high-stakes tests "a bad reflection of even the better parts of standards." He delineates that this testing movement causes: (1) a narrowing of curriculum through the elimination of curricular depth because tests cover general factual knowledge; (2) increased student dropout or push-out rates; (3) a weakening of constructive test purposes; (4) speeded-up or intensified mechanistic school (busy) work; (5) bureaucratized, centralized school power; (6) disempowered teachers; (7) alienated students; and (8) standardized minds.

Due to the routine of non-involvement of teachers in real decision-making and the general disruption of (punitive) top-down school-high-stakes reform pressures, Herr (2000) advocates creating change from within schools by asking teachers to name their own concerns. Saavedra (2000) recommends that teachers get over their fears and not privilege the expert, external knowledge that is often aligned with corporate interests and demands. She appeals to them to quit allowing themselves to be pathologized and forced into unhealthy competitiveness with each other so they become disempowered technicians; they should fight the oppressive control forced on them by somebody else's idea of reform.

Saavedra sees a need for solidarity and authentic partnerships among teachers, and suggests they join teachers' movements. An example of teacher activism is the Florida teachers who traveled six hours to return their bonuses (for students' high scores) to Governor Jeb Bush in order to focus attention on what they see as a misuse of the Florida Comprehensive Achievement test to rank schools (FairTest, Winter 1999-2000b, p. 5).

Although I assign a thinking and theorizing role broadly to all humans, in developing agendas for intellectuals, it is necessary that those paid to set educational trends in academia or lead in schools should be held most accountable for deep, critical thinking about how to improve life circumstances for all citizens.

Those of us on the left theoretically must work toward change in our professional lives and be willing to give up material advantage and social status so that egalitarian ideals might be realized. We are not exempt from our own critical insights. In a period of deregulation of the market, rampant consumerism, global ecological decline, and rightist control of public institutions, Harvey (1996) asserts: "It transpires that there is not a region in the world where manifestations of anger and discontent with the capitalist system cannot be found." Rather than drifting passively, it is time to take stock of trends and make

deliberate democratic decisions about the future.

I recommend that in order for transformative democratic and communitarian reform to be successful, we must always ask, "who benefits" and understand how we, as members of the educated class, may be complicit in hierarchies. I ask readers to join a counter-movement to oppose stratifying measures and work to overcome hierarchical and excluding relations in school and society.

Authors Note: As you look throughout the country, keep note of which groups consistently and successfully pass their states standardized exams and keep track of those groups who always end up on the bottom end of performance in every state, in every city, and in every school district across the country where there are multi-racial ethnic groups of young people. Simply put; check to see who is always on the top in the winner's circle, and check to see who is always on the bottom, in the loser's circle.

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Thursday, October 14	Gorfield Park Multipurpose Room	2450 S. Shelby St.	7:00 PM
Friday, October 15	John Carson Government Center, Box A	300 E. Fall Creek Parkway, N. Drive	7:00 PM
Thursday, October 21	Christianson House Auditorium	502 N. Trenton	6:00 PM
Monday, October 25	Brookside Park Auditorium	3500 Brookside Parkway S. Drive	7:00 PM
Thursday, October 28	Shelby Club	5640 N. Illinois Street	7:00 PM

If you can't attend one of these meetings, you can go to [indycleanstreams.org](http://www.indycleanstreams.org) from October 14-30 to learn about the options and provide your input.

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COMMENTARY

Re-thinking schooling

Now that charter schools are here, will they work? Does choice equal reform? And if they do not, what does this say about education?

Charter schools are not a civil rights issue, as some say, of equalizing educational opportunities; this is a red herring. This is an education issue of differentiating learning opportunities - of diversifying and customizing learning and authentic assessments.

Providing different kinds or types of schools is just the beginning. Until schools are radically different none, including charters, will make a difference in erasing the division among our schools due to inequalities of race, class and neighborhood.

Now charters have impacted on public schools in general because by nature charters are small. Through the Gates Foundation, IPS is creating a variety of small learning communities. But this is just step one.

Regular or charter, what schools must do is follow best practices. These are tested ideas that promote school improvement. They center around issues and questions of school size, what it means to be smart, school climate, how the brain learns, the role of culture or the arts in learning and teaching, shared-decision making, special education policies, types of assessment and graduation rate formulas.

Learning

The most important best

practice states that all children can learn and there is not one best way to learn. If either regular or charter teachers believe that some children can't learn at high levels due to poverty, race, gender, ethnicity, nothing will change.

Believe it or not, there are still educators who believe some groups are genetically inferior to others.

Our brain

Recent brain research has proven that each brain is uniquely organized - we are intelligent in many ways and learn through many different styles. This research concluded the brain doesn't have to be taught how to learn; it is essentially curious, it must be to survive; its search for meaning is innate and occurs through patterning by seeking connection to what it already knows; and, emotions are critical to patterning.

Educators must meet the challenge of finding ways to connect school and learning to the lives of each student, challenging the traditional either "smart or dumb" sorting mentality.

Simply put, if we insist on looking at the rainbow of abilities, talents and intelligences through a single lens many minds will seem devoid of light.

A deficit model of children

Both regular and charter schools must abandon the deficit model. Currently low-performing students are seen as deprived, failing/low-achieving and unmotivated.

The new vision challenges the deficit model, one that assumes the problem is located in and limited to a lack in the culture, in abilities, in motivation or in coping skills of the children and their families.

This more authentic vision sees these students as culturally different, having unrecognized abilities and underdeveloped potential, who are naturally engaged, self-motivated and effortful in their environment, and who are actually resilient, not at-risk. Schools can build on these strengths.

These are a few of the best practices for any school. Note they do not include school uniforms or memorizing facts or using formulas just to pass tests.

Until local schools and charters are authentic and truly unique by differentiating and personalizing learning, expanding what it means to be smart by democratizing intelligence, providing assessment options, sharing school and learning decisions with students and having students apply knowledge for real-world outcomes, traditional schools will stagnate and charters will merely be a more refined version of the regular public schools. Both will miss the opportunity to bring equality through variety.

John Loflin

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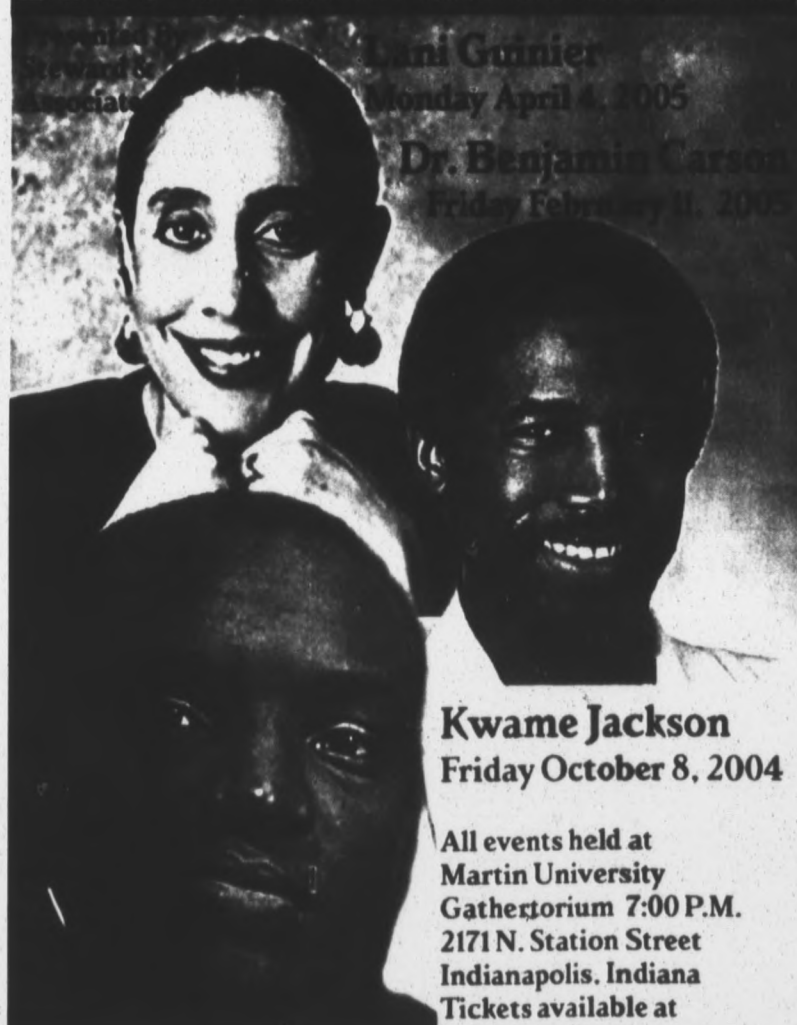


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EDITORIAL

Solid VP debate, but no new info

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor



After watching the vice-presidential debate on Tuesday evening, I was pleased to see the vast issues brought up by moderator Gwen Ifill as well as how vice-president Dick Cheney and Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards addressed them.

What set this week's debate aside from the presidential debate that took place last week is that though the candidates did get really heated and personal, they were both able to at least provide some sensible responses to most of the issues addressed.

From observing the debate I do feel that Edwards did a better job of the two. In addressing the issues he remained most focused throughout the debate. What was best about Edwards is that he effectively carried his own weight throughout the 98-minute discussion. In doing so, he proved the naysayers who questioned whether he was "tough enough" to be the second in command wrong.

With the upsurge of physicians being sued for malpractice, moderator Ifill asked the candidates what they planned to do about the issue. Cheney's response was somewhat vague while Edwards provided a much more detailed response that seems fairly simple to implement.

Included in his response Edwards said that he and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry would place more responsibility on the lawyers for these frivolous lawsuits. A part of that responsibility would include a three-strikes approach, which after representing three malpractice suits, that particular lawyer would be restricted from working on another case of that caliber.

Continuing with the subject of healthcare, the Kerry/Edwards plan is to decrease the cost of healthcare, cover more Americans, and stand up to insurance companies by making them practice fair treatment of working families. By the year 2006 Bush and Cheney only plan to provide an additional \$1300 per year for senior citizens.

Reminiscent of Indiana's Gubernatorial debate last week, both Cheney and Edwards disappointed me when the subject about the increasingly high numbers of AIDS cases among African Americans...particularly Black women arose. Ifill asked the gentlemen to discuss their plan of attack for Blacks infected with HIV/AIDS in the United States.

Rather than provide a response, Cheney admitted that he was unaware of the severity of HIV/AIDS in regards to African American women. With his admission, I immediately asked out loud to no one in particular "How could he not be aware of the seriousness of AIDS in the Black community? Where has he been all these years?"

While Edwards was very knowledgeable about the AIDS epidemic in Africa and even genocide, the question pertained to AIDS among Blacks in the United States. He failed to provide a solid answer to the question. Instead he cited a statistic on the number of Americans without healthcare coverage.

Even more disappointing was that neither candidate attempted to rebut the other, nor did they use that time to provide a better response. From my observation, that appeared to be the only question that neither candidate rebutted.

I do believe that the debate was fairly successful overall. However, I'm not sure the impact it had on America's undecided voters. During the debate Cheney and Edwards' stance was consistent with what they've been saying throughout this campaign. If those voters that are undecided have been following both candidates over the last several months, then this week's vice-presidential debate didn't supply them with any additional information...if nothing else, undecided voters may have gotten some clarification from the debate, but definitely nothing new.

JUST TELLIN' IT

Good week for Gov. Kernan as he woos Black voters at the Classic

By AMOS BROWN III



Since Bill Mays endorsed Mitch Daniels, Gov. Joe Kernan's campaign has buckled down and gotten serious about the African-American vote.

In recent weeks, Gov. Kernan visited Black churches in Gary, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Last week, at a meeting with numerous Black ministers, Kernan extolled his record for the past year, including his appointments of African-Americans to state positions. I hear the governor got a very positive reception from the ministers which'll generate Black enthusiasm for him.

Kernan's aggressiveness continued during Classic weekend.

Back during Black Expo, Kernan, Daniels, Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis and Republican lieutenant governor candidate state Sen. Becky Skillman were all over.

But at the Classic, Skillman was invisible, Daniels briefly attended the game, but Kernan and Davis were everywhere: Davis at the Classic Coaches Luncheon, the governor at the Classic Gala and both at the game and parade.

At the parade Kernan and Davis, who both walked the route, slowed the parade down because they were shaking so many hands and greeting so many spectators.

In an unprecedented move, surrounded by a phalanx of Indiana's top Black elected officials and volunteers wearing "Go with Joe" T-shirts, Gov. Kernan visited nearly every RCA Dome suite, shaking hands, greeting attendees and visitors. In the Classic's 21 years, no Indiana governor ever worked the Classic the way Joe Kernan did. For this die-hard

Notre Dame fan to miss the Irish/Purdue game to be at the Classic exemplified the Kernan/Davis campaign's new aggressiveness in our Black community.

Three hours before kickoff, Congresswoman Julia Carson, virtually every Black Indiana legislator and almost every Indianapolis Black elected official publicly declared their strong support for Gov. Kernan at a special reception and press conference - an event Indianapolis white media refused to cover.

Several top Democratic Party insiders told me that the effort to mobilize and maximize the Black vote for Joe Kernan is on. And in a governor's race that's oh so close, that mobilization could make the difference.

Sen. John Kerry also had a good week as he smoked President George W. Bush in their first debate last week.

Since the Republican National Convention in August, Democrats, including many African Americans, were becoming dispirited and disheartened about Kerry's chances. The Bush campaign's ruthless attacks on Kerry's positions on terrorism and Iraq caused Kerry to lose support and threatened to turn the race into a Bush landslide.

Then came the first debate where before 65 million people, the largest presidential debate audience in sometime, Sen. Kerry came across as one who could stand toe-to-toe with President Bush.

Kerry was strong, forceful. He looked and sounded like a president.

President Bush flatly blew it. He looked tired and exasperated; irritated at Kerry's temerity to dare disagree with Bush's policies on terrorism, Iraq and nuclear proliferation in North Korea and Iran. Several times, Bush looked and sounded like he wanted to walk over and punch Kerry out.

Instead it was Kerry who punched Bush out in round one. Can't wait for rounds two and three in the coming days.

What I heard in the streets/suites at the Classic

Secretary of Education Rod Paige wasn't here for the Classic, but was honored by the GEO Foundation. I caught up with him and in an interview aired exclusively on our WTLC-AM (1310) program; Paige strongly defended the controversial No Child Left Behind program.

Secretary Paige repeated his mantra that closing the achievement gap for African-American youth is the "greatest civil rights issue of the day."

In a surprise, Paige said that under No Child Left Behind, "Indiana has received \$2.3 billion in federal funds." When I questioned that, Secretary Paige urged me "to check with the state Department of Education."

I mentioned Secretary Paige's words to Washington Township School Superintendent Dr. Eugene White and IPS Superintendent Dr. Pat Pritchett who haven't seen any evidence of those funds.

I'll tell you what Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed has to say next week.

Ed Temple coached Tennessee State University's legendary "Tigerbelles" women's track team for 40 years. A team which included Olympic track champions Chandra Cheeseborough (now the Tigerbelles' coach), Wyomia Tyus and Wilma Rudolph. In town for the Classic, I interviewed this living sports legend exclusive on our radio show who impressed me with his wisdom and down home logic.

Another TSU track standout, Ralph Boston, 1960 Olympic gold medalist in the long jump, attended the Classic as well.

Caught up at the Classic with Indianapolis' own Vicki Bailey. The first African American to head an Indiana utility company (CINergy), Bailey's a former deputy secretary of energy. She's now a Washington lobbyist working for a firm headed by former Louisiana Sen. Bennett Johnston.

Bailey's also a board member for ScottishPower, a British-American utility company.

Where was Sen. Evan (no campaign ads for Black newspapers) Bayh? Why does he ignore the Classic? You'd think that in an election year, with the Senate not in session, Bayh would've found time to attend at least one Classic event.

The refusal of national AARP officials to work with our community caused a disappointing turnout for Saturday's Voices of Civil Rights Bus Tour. Scores of Indy's civil rights veterans should've had their memories recorded for history. They didn't because AARP brass insisted on coming to Indy on Classic game day. AARP's arrogant refusal to reschedule their Indy visit to a time other than Classic weekend, led to the dismal turnout. And loss of recording our history. Shame AARP.

Thanks to the Classic Parade for allowing me to commemorate 30 years in Indianapolis broadcasting as a Classic Parade VIP; in a white Corvette no less. Though warm and enthusiastic, the parade crowds seemed down. Was it the weather, or is WISH-TV/Channel 8's live broadcast hurting parade attendance? Hasn't Channel 8's quality parade coverage, hosted by Tina Cosby, Anthony Calhoun and Tony Lamont earned a prime time spot, like Channel 8 treats the 500 Festival Parade?

Classic officials need to reinvent the Battle of the Bands. While everyone watches the bands at halftime, virtually no one's around to watch them play after the game. That must change. See 'ya next week.

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Racial disparities in health

By GEORGE E. CURRY
For NNPA



Within the past two months, I have given the keynote speech at a health disparities conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Health, moderated a panel in D.C. on the same subject for the National

Medical Association and moderated a panel at yet another conference in Virginia organized by Hampton University's Health Disparities Reduction Project.

At each event, the same point was made: Of the 15 leading causes of death in the United States, Blacks had higher death rates than whites in 11 areas: heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents, diabetes, flu and pneumonia, kidney diseases, septicemia, homicide, cirrhosis of the liver and hypertension. African Americans had lower death rates than whites as a result of respiratory diseases, Alzheimer's, suicide and aortic aneurysm.

Professor David R. Williams, a senior research scientist at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, has done significant research in this area. He presented many of his findings to the audience at Hampton and has written about them in the National Urban League's "State of Black America 2004."

One of the most stunning points made

by Williams was that although overall health has improved in the U.S. over the past 50 years, racial differences in health are unchanged or widened.

"The age-adjusted overall death rate for African Americans was 20 percent higher than that of whites in 1950 but 30 percent higher in 2000," Williams says. "Similarly, a Black baby born in the U.S. was 1.6 times as likely to die before his/her birthday than a white infant in 1950, but is 2.5 times as likely in 2000."

To show the significance of the gap, in 1985 the Department of Health and Human Services began using the term "excess deaths," defined as the number of African Americans who would not die each year if Blacks and whites had the same mortality rates. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, there were 66,900 excess Black deaths in 1940; 50,900 in 1960; 80,600 in 1980 and 96,800 in 1998. From 1940 to 1998, according to the center, 4.27 million African Americans died prematurely.

Whites in the U.S. are hardly a model.

Williams says that when the infant mortality and life expectancy figures are calculated for whites alone, Caucasians fared poorly when measured against other industrialized nations. If whites made up their own country, they would rank 24th in infant mortality deaths. At 5.8 deaths per 1,000 births, whites would trail top-ranked Hong Kong (3.1), Japan (3.4), Sweden (3.4), Singapore (3.5), Finland (3.7) and seven other countries (Norway, Denmark, France, Austria, Ireland, New Zealand and Portugal).

When looking at international life expectancy rates, white women, averaging 80 years, would rank 19th and white men (74.5 years) would rank 20th. Men in Hong Kong live an average of 77.4 years, longer than males anywhere else. They are followed by Japan (77.2), Sweden (76) and Switzerland (76.3). Women live longest in Japan (84 years), followed by Hong Kong (83 years).

As a country, Blacks would rank 36th in infant mortality deaths (14.6 per 1,000 births). In life expectancy, Black men would rank 34th if measured against other men in the world (67.6 years). Black women would rank 35th among females (74.8 years).

"The subjective experience of discrimination is a neglected but important source of stress," Williams points out. "Research indicates that acute and chronic experiences of discrimination are stressful incidents that are adversely related to physical and mental health."

He adds, "A small but growing body of research indicates the health of African Americans is adversely affected when they buy into the larger society's negative characterization of Blacks."

Even with the clear health disparities, Williams argues that race is less of a health factor than education and economic status.

"The differences in life expectancy by education, within each race and gender group (with the exception of white women) are larger than the racial differences," he states.

However, that does not mean race can be ignored.

"The most disadvantaged white group (women who have not completed high school) has a lower infant mortality rate than the most advantaged Black group (college graduates)," he observes.

Because income, education and even where one lives help determine a person's life expectancy, Williams argues that in order to eliminate these disparities, efforts should be made to end housing discrimination, racism and unequal access to health care.

He observes, "Investments to improve the social conditions and the health of African Americans can improve the health of the entire U.S. population and have long-term positive consequences for non-Blacks as well."

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Wake up, get out, and vote for our children

By **MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN**
For NNPA



I heard a 48-year-old white woman say recently that she had never voted, and I heard a 42-year-old African-American man say

the same thing. In fact, I've been amazed at the number of people—young and old—I've heard say they don't know if they'll vote this year because their vote won't count.

My blunt response to those who don't know if they'll vote on Nov. 2 is to wake up, get up, and go vote. Your job, your health care, your child's education and safety, and the Black community's and nation's deepest values and future are at stake. There has not

been a more dangerous time in our nation's history.

In this century's defining election year, everybody has to make a difference at the voting booth. Only 59 percent of all voting-age citizens, 57 percent of Black citizens, 45 percent of Latino citizens, 61 percent of women, and 36 percent of young people between 18 and 24 registered and voted in the last presidential election. Even fewer voted in the last congressional elections. Not voting lets our country down, and lets our children down.

If already enacted tax cuts for the top 1 percent of super rich Americans fully take effect; if efforts to make them permanent are not prevented; if new tax cuts for the powerful and wealthy keep getting passed; and if hundreds of billions of dollars in military increases continue to finance the Iraq war and to mount a missile defense system for a possible war in the stars, the federal govern-

ment will have nothing left over to invest in our schools, the 9 million children denied health coverage, more and better paying jobs, and the federal deficit will continue to soar.

If you believe it's all right for political leaders to impose budget cuts on poor children in order to give tax cuts and subsidies to millionaires and powerful corporations sending jobs to other countries, then stay home and don't vote.

If you believe it's more important to send a person to Mars than a child to quality public schools and to college, then stay home and don't vote.

If you believe it's acceptable for leaders to say Leave No Child Behind, the Children's Defense Fund's trademarked words created by Black community leaders, while doing the opposite, then stay home and don't vote.

If you believe the federal deficit should continue to increase

and be left for our children and grandchildren to bear, then stay home and don't vote.

If you don't mind judges being selected on the basis of a single issue or ideological litmus test, then stay home and don't vote.

If you think those in power should continue to cater to the highest campaign contributors and to ignore Head Start children and cut their successful program, then stay home and don't vote. If you believe doing nothing is not taking a position and that it's acceptable for the loudest and strongest to define our nation's priorities, then stay home and don't vote.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. If you stay on the sidelines, so will your needs. Citizens who care enough about our country and our children to vote Nov. 2 will determine whether our democracy will live or die. Your action or inaction will determine the Supreme Court's direction for

the next 50 years and whether the clock of progress for minorities, women and the poor will be turned backwards or move ahead.

Your action or inaction will determine whether millions of children and youths will live in peace or die in war, go to college or go to prison. Your action or inaction will determine whether more jobs will be exported or remain at home. Your action or inaction will determine whether local, state, and federal policies will return our nation to past racial, gender, and religious intolerance, or prepare our nation to move ahead to realize Brown vs. Board of Education's still unrealized promise for every child, of every color, income, faith, and place.

Your action or inaction will determine whether the rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer. Your action on inaction on Nov. 2 will determine whether our Constitution is a document

where everyone in America can find his or her civil and human rights protected.

My faith tells me to seek justice for the poor and the vulnerable and that the test of the morality of a leader and society is how well we protect the least among us. Children are the poorest of any age group in America. They have become poorer each year over the past three years. That's shameful and unnecessary. Your voice and your vote can change these facts. Children can't vote but you can.

Marian Wright Edelman is president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

A Teflon coat enables Bush to shed conflicts and tell lies

By **RON WALTERS**
For NNPA



I have watched an interesting phenomenon: George Bush has been rising in the polls at a time he is facing some unimaginable challenges that would bring any Democrat down.

To begin with, he is facing a war in Iraq that he created at the beginning of his administration, even to the extent of manufac-

turing a rationale that associated this diversion with the specific causes of the bombing of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

But his popularity has grown even in the teeth of the growing carnage in Iraq that has killed more than 1,000 American soldiers and put in grave doubt any possibility of the development of an American-styled political system because of the growing intensity of urban guerilla war in Iraq.

Bush's role as the leader of a crisis appears to have buoyed him against the challenge of John Kerry, who has waged a curiously tepid challenge on Bush's terms, the terms that he, too, would pursue the war, except smarter. The real secret of Bush's buoyancy, however, is the strength of his bench, which has mounted strong opposition to any factor that would appear to threaten Bush's chances of being re-elected.

This defense of Bush began with the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth's political ads that had the effect of casting doubt on the underlying events that resulted in Kerry's military awards and medals. By challenging the accuracy of the events, even though they were not there, they were able to create enough space for those who wanted to support Bush to believe that Kerry was not the substitute commander-in-chief that his convention had projected him to be. And Kerry's numbers began to fall.

Then, there is the news from CBS-TV that records of George Bush's service in the National Guard that showed him defying a direct order from a superior officer, missing a health check-up and being absent from service for a critical period of time.

Immediately, the Bush machine swung into action and doubt was cast on the accuracy of the documents. Again, this gave enough space for those predisposed to Bush to continue to believe in his credibility. This was Teflon at its best.

In addition, we have to stop and think: Republicans used to believe in balanced budgets in the 1990s, but apparently have forgiven Bush for running up the largest budget deficit in modern history; Republicans used to believe that there was honor in military service, but they savaged John Kerry's record of military heroism while looking the other way at the lack of such meaningful military service by Dick Cheney and George Bush; Republicans follow the religious moral teachings yet look the other way when charges were made implicating Bush in such behavior.

In fact, most of the rules have been broken to keep Bush in the White House.

His handlers are able to convince the American people that they have a credible reason for the things they have done to assuage their fear of the future, to protect them from the bogeyman of terrorism.

This strategy is supported by intellectuals in the conservative movement whose comparative vision of the use of American power envisions a kind of global objective that extends the paradigm of leadership developed in this country abroad. In this sense, the intellectual vision of the political ideologies of the movement is compatible with the objective of achieving economic hegemony in a number of sectors, beginning with oil.

And it is also abided by the media which fails to hold Bush to the same standards they ask of Kerry, fail to correct the errors and downright lies of his detractors and join in the feast of doubting Kerry's credibility.

As I observed at the outset, in ordinary times, the powerful forces that are faced by Bush would sink a Democrat. This is the surest indication that what supports this deep thirst for power in the political culture now is not policy in the strictest sense, but ideology—he's my guy, right or wrong, because he shares my world view. That is the key to the Teflon coating that George Bush wears that enables him to shed conflicts, tell lies, hide a vulgar past, and engage in the outright economic rape of the nation with relative ease.

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YOUR VOICE

What issues would help you decide whom to elect for Governor of Indiana?



Kim Lindsey

"Their experience because it's important to elect a Governor who has a history and also their involvement in the community."

Kim Lindsey

"The main thing I'm concerned about is money for the schools



Curtis Daniels Jr.

because my kids are in school and their education is important to me."

Curtis Daniels Jr.

"One of the things that are important to me is our schools because I have kids and nephews



Marcel Smith

that go to school that sweat in the summer and freeze in the winter. The other is jobs because it's hard out here. They don't want us in the streets committing crimes so we need better opportunities to gain employment."

Marcel Smith

READERS RESPOND



It should be against the law to let jobs go out of the United States and leave your people without jobs, if they send jobs out of the United States. They should not be able to send their products back to the United States to sell, unless there is a stiff penalty.

Everyone who works in America should have to pay taxes, even immigrants and unregistered aliens. They should not be exempt from paying taxes, whether they are citizens or not.

Jimmie L. Sanders

If Kerry stays course, he can win

Congratulations to John Kerry for scoring an indisputable win during the first presidential debate. Kerry was firm, clear, and straightforward in his message. He had a strong command of facts and conveyed a solid understanding of foreign policy.

Bush, on the other hand, looked more like a kid who crammed the night before a test than a competent, sitting president. It is apparent that Mr. Bush lacks the ability to think critically and answer tough questions; he has been reduced - or perhaps not - by his handlers to a man who can speak only in prepared sound bites.

In that first debate, I believe America saw John Kerry as our next president. He demonstrated his ability to lead our nation to greater strength and security as we move toward global cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Amy DiLisio

Real and fake Christians

President Bush, please do not attempt to make people think you are a Christian during the debates. You see, Christians do not lie, bear false witness against their neighbors, or covet anything that is owned by their neighbor. And they especially should not kill. Mr. Bush, you are guilty of each. And most of all, true Christians do not send other peoples' sons and daughters into a war where they will be killed because of a personal grudge. I've e-mailed this letter to the White House and it has been rejected each time. But that's OK because you will answer to a higher power for your deeds unless you repent.

Dr. M. Helen Perara

Girl Scouts say thanks

Caroline Mays and Indianapolis Recorder:

The recent Girl Scout membership rally was a success thanks to your help. The television interview and newspaper article were a big part of our success. Thanks for your support.

Deborah Hearn Smith
Executive Director,
Girl Scouts of Hoosier
Capital Council

The same old song should end

I think that John Kerry clearly won the first presidential debate.

I wanted to hear the plans that Kerry has for Iraq and for our troops, and I wasn't disappointed. I believe that what he has planned for us is the best hope that we have right now.

Frankly, everything that George Bush said I have already heard before. He sounds like a broken record. If I had a penny for every time I have heard "we have to be right 100 percent of the time, the enemy only has to be right once" I would be rich by now, and have a good tax cut.

I do feel that we have been lied to over and over by our current president and his administration. Hopefully we will all make the right decision next month, and vote John F. Kerry for president!

Mindy Moszee

Middle class tax cut?

The so-called "middle-class tax cut" that Bush just signed is, once again, a donation to the wealthy, for which our grandchildren will have to pay.

The mainstream press is obviously confused - the reality is that the new law is more of the same: tax cuts that benefit the yacht and caviar crowd and exclude the neediest families.

An analysis from the Urban Institute-Brookings Tax Policy Center shows that the middle 20 percent of earners "will receive an average tax cut of \$162 in 2005 from this legislation." The top fifth of earners, however, "will get an average tax cut of \$1,317." As a result, the top fifth will receive two-thirds of all benefits. And Bush,

Cheney, Ashcroft, Rice and the other White House millionaires, together with Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, etc., will get the lion's share as usual.

One glaring omission from the bill is a provision that would have extended the child tax credit to 4 million low-income families who currently don't qualify - and really could use some help. Extending eligibility to these families would have cost \$4 billion. Meanwhile, conservatives included \$12 billion in tax cuts for corporations, who, of course, really need the money.

Gordon Hawthorne

Taking real issues to the candidates

I was listening to Rev. Jesse Jackson during his recent appearance on the Amos Brown Show (WTLC-AM 1310) and he said we should challenge politicians with the things that we need.

Well, if taxpayers cannot afford health insurance for themselves, they surely cannot afford to pay health insurance for members of the federal government. If we request that the federal government to pay their own health insurance, they will come up with a plan for the poor and middle class to afford their health care.

All interest rates should be tax deductible; this will also help the poor and middle class. This can include credit cards, legal fees and automobiles. In addition all jobs should have a national cost of living raise; this will help people more than any tax cut. These issues are as important as civil rights to all Americans.

If all lawmakers do not take this under consideration, they are not doing what the people voted them in for. This issue is for Democrats and Republicans alike. This is why we have so many undecided voters. As leaders this is your responsibility to make sure that these issues are carried out.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Get the Hell Out of Here!

By Bishop T. G. Benjamin, Jr.,
D. Min.

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:1-7 KJ)

The Apostle Paul has prophetically described with pinpoint accuracy the peril of our times. The last days are upon us, and they spell a sense of urgency. The last days began after the resurrection and will continue until the Second Coming of our Christ. We are living in the last days and what demonic and desperate days they are. God is calling us to make the most of these days because when he comes back for his church, he is coming back for a church without spot or blemish.

As the end approaches, it is important to note that this word is not a word for the world but a word for the church. In essence, God is saying there is too much world in the church and not enough church in the world. God was addressing not those who say they reject him but those who say they respect him.

In essence God was saying that hell and hellions have invaded the church and the church can't be the light of the world and the salt of the earth unless the church cleans up its act. And at the heart of the church's ineffectiveness is its hypocrisy. The heathen who needs Christ so badly - I'm talking about the unrepentant and the unsubmitted - will not come to Jesus if Jesus' disciples are hellions themselves. So the Holy Spirit has impressed upon me that judgment begins in the household of faith. So I am determined to address it and undress it - it's time for us to get the hell out of here. It's time for the church to stop compromising and raise a standard of excellence and holiness - that is, people living obediently before God.

Check your life against Paul's list. Take inventory. Check yourself and see if you have become the problem; yes, before we leave this planet. Before we get out of here, we are going to have to get the hell out of here. Satan cannot cast out Satan and hell cannot enter heaven. So if no one else gets right and frankly, our problems are so enormous that we need not fool ourselves - we may not be able to change the whole

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BY BRANDON A. PERRY

If the success of a pastor is measured by the amount of souls he/she introduces to Christ and their humble ability to uplift the community, then Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin indisputably stands among the most decorated veterans in his field.

This weekend Benjamin, the senior pastor of Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be honored with a series of events celebrating 35 years of the vision and ministerial innovation he has initiated from the pulpit of that congregation.

"I think the words that can best describe how I feel now is blessed and grateful," Benjamin said during a talk with The Recorder. "It is actually God's grace that has brought me this far."

For the remainder of this month Light of the World will observe Benjamin's legacy, starting with a special celebration festival on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. inside the NCCA Hall of Champions. On Sunday Oct. 10, Wednesday Oct. 13, Saturday Oct. 16, and Sun-



Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr.

day Oct. 17 Benjamin's church will be hosting a variety of services featuring several guest preachers from around the country.

When Benjamin, a St. Louis native, first became pastor of Light of the World in 1969, the 26-year-old minister immediately set a progressive agenda that would expand the church's involvement in the community and transform thousands of lives through spiritual renewal.

"As a church, we must respond

now to the mission in our community in conjunction with providing the kind of facilities and programs that would represent a witness to the city of Indianapolis, the state of Indiana and the whole world," Benjamin wrote at the time.

Most people who are familiar with Benjamin's achievements believe that he and Light of the World have been successful in accomplishing that mission.

Since assuming leadership of

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the historic church, which was established in 1866, Benjamin's direction has led to the establishment of over 50 ministries that perform traditional church functions as well as address many of the critical social issues facing the community.

"Our goal has always been to model what a church can and should do, and that is feeding the flock and making a difference in the community with excellence," said Benjamin, who is also host of the community television program "Living For the City."

He is also co-founder of Celebration of Hope, a multi-racial alliance of churches across the city who meet annually for a joint service to promote racial unity among Christians.

"I view Bishop Benjamin as a

legend and continue to hold him in high esteem," said Pastor Jerry McCamey of Calvary Temple, who's a direct beneficiary of Benjamin's efforts to build bridges among churches and will speak during one of the celebration services. "I think he's a cornerstone of our community, and 35 years speaks of his commitment and effectiveness."

But Benjamin's main passion is the salvation and success of the world's youth.

"What I love about him is the fact that he invests so much of his time with young people. He recognizes that they are not only the church of the future, but that they also play an integral role in the church today," said Timothy James, who serves as administrative secretary of the National Convocation, an organization representing America's Black Disciples of Christ congregations.

Benjamin founded the Indianapolis chapter of Project Impact, which provides intervention and counseling for court-referred teens. The initiative has been designed to reduce the rate of violent crime and academic failure

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IN THE SPIRIT



Above: Popular gospel vocalist Vickie Winans was the special guest vocalist at the annual Gospel Music Explosion held during Circle City Classic weekend at the Madame Walker Theatre. (Photo/J. Hurst)



Left: The Eastside Baptist Church held its 48th Annual Women's Day Celebration recently. The featured preacher for Eastside's event, Dr. Teresa Williams, speaks to worshippers as a representative of Revival Temple of Indianapolis. (Photo/C. Guynn)



The gospel play "Keep It On the Down Low" was shown last Friday at the Pike Performing Arts Center. From left: Jan Abdul-Rahim, Michael Shelton, Jr., and Tracie Nelson perform in the production, which dealt with the deception, secrets and broken hearts associated with "brothers on the down low" in their sexual life. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Celebrating a purpose driven life

By ERICKA C. WHEELER
Staff Writer

A purpose driven life is what Phillips Temple CME Church is preparing its members for. The 40 Days of Purpose teaching is underway, and was kicked off in full force last Sunday with a breakfast and a purpose driven sermon conducted by Phillips Temple's Senior Pastor, Oliver Dwayne Walker.

"We have been praying and preparing since early May to get ready and get things in order," Walker said. "We are very excited about this journey we are taking and we want the whole community to learn."

The 40 Days of Purpose is a nationally celebrated engagement, over 12,000 churches in the United States and nine countries have been enlightening other churches, active members and new believers about human's purpose on earth.

That is why Phillips Temple church is inviting the entire community to come and witness the teaching prepared for the 40 days of worship. The first sermon geared toward the teaching will be on Sunday focusing on "What on earth am I here for?" The following Sunday, Pastor Walker will enlighten those in attendance on why "You were planned for God's pleasure."

The six-week long adventure will be held every Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. until Nov. 21 located at the church home, 210 E. 34th St.

"The main thing that I am aiming for is the interaction with each other as Christians is to really get closer to each other," Walker continues. "Secondarily to grow with more interaction and involvement with the community to reach out. I would really call it world wide ministries to help in as many areas that we can around the world."

"I hope that the teaching will increase the use of my spiritual gifts," said 40 Days of Purpose kick-off event co-chair Sharon Sommerville.

The teaching will focus on unified prayer and reinforcement by activating small groups. The small group meetings are de-

signed to keep Christians thinking of praise and worship during the six-week sermon on a daily basis. Groups meet at various times and locations around the city to uplift the prior Sunday's teachings.

Phillips Temple offers prayer, praise and worship on Tuesday during the 40 Days of Purpose celebration. Worship service on Tuesday begins at 7 p.m. and all are encouraged to attend.

"We want to grow people and we want people in our church and people in other churches to join us to learn of our purpose, as humans, on earth," Walker said.

The Nov. 21 wrap-up service will be held in observance of the teachings.

You may be wondering, "Why 40 days? What's so special about that time frame?" The Bible is clear that God considers 40 days to be a spiritually significant time period. Whenever God wanted to prepare someone for his purposes, he took 40 days:

- Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain.
- Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai.
- The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land.
- David was transformed by Goliath's 40-day challenge.
- Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from a single meal.
- The entire city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave them 40 days to change.
- Jesus was empowered by 40 days in the wilderness.
- The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection.
- Information provided by the Purpose Driven Web site at www.purposedriven.com.


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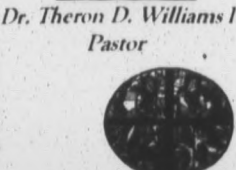
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Diocese's efforts to fight racism begin at home in Gary

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Lupe Valtierra dutifully recited his prayers with his Catholic school classmates, using the Spanish in which his parents had passed on their faith.

"You need to learn your prayers in English because God doesn't understand Spanish," the nun scolded him.

Four decades later, the remark still stings. And it symbolizes the racism the Diocese of Gary is confronting in an effort to convert its 187,000 Catholics from a century-old history of ethnic divisions into a multicultural, welcoming church.

A series of listening sessions patterned after South Africa's post-apartheid conversations ended Sunday in an atonement service at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary. In it, the diocese took account of racist acts as overt as an epithet hurled at a biracial CYO camper and as subtle as a Black child excluded from white classmates' birthday parties.

The effort in one of the nation's most segregated urban areas is being watched closely by bishops across the country. Priests as far away as Japan have requested information to help their own diversity efforts.

Other churches have confessed their racism, including the Southern Baptist Convention in 1995 and the United Methodist Church in 2000. Many Catholic dioceses issued public apologies during the 2000 jubilee year, a traditional time for atoning.

What sets the Gary Diocese apart is the way it's doing it. Bishop Dale Melczek began by selling priests, schoolteachers and parish councils on the need for a multiyear initiative targeting racism. In doing so, he carefully laid its foundation at the parish level where the faithful gather each Sunday.

It's leadership comparable to that exerted by President Harry Truman when he integrated the armed forces, said the Rev. Clarence Williams of Detroit, an expert on race relations in Catholicism.

"People get it together when leaders call them to bring it together. Everybody has a stake in bringing our society together," said Williams, who leads diocesan workshops across the country.

Melczek came to the four-county diocese from Detroit in 1992 and reacquainted himself with the segregation he had known growing up in Dearborn, Mich. Blacks comprise five of every six Gary residents but less than 1 percent of the population in middle-class suburbs a few miles away, local planning reports show.

Eastern European immigrants flocked to Gary nearly a century ago, drawn to jobs at the U.S. Steel mill on the shores of Lake Michigan. Many were Catholic, and the church established parishes along ethnic lines of Germans, Italians, Poles, Hungarians and other nationalities. They left a legacy of Catholicism that today includes a quarter of the region's residents.

The ethnic parishes served the new immigrants, but also kept them from mixing, said Dan Lowery, executive director of the nonprofit Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council. Church became a haven where the expatriates didn't need to come across people of other ethnicities.

"It set the stage where the local church can reflect some of the worst aspects of segregation in the larger society," Lowery said.

The booming industry in the shadow of Chicago also drew

Blacks from the Deep South. Many were hired as strike breakers, entrenching the enmity felt toward them by whites decades before the civil rights movement. The bias once directed against the immigrants was deflected toward the newer arrivals, who later would include Hispanics.

"It's often people who have been discriminated against who discriminate," Melczek said in an interview.

After Melczek became bishop in 1996, many Catholics asked him if Holy Angels would join the other institutions fleeing gritty downtown Gary. Instead, he compelled white Catholics to return to their roots by moving a sacramental rite of passage out of the parishes: In 2000, he held confirmations only at the cathedral.

A four-day meeting of the diocese's priests the next year built a consensus for making fighting racism a priority for the diocese. With the priests on board, and later the teachers and parish councils, Melczek in 2002 issued a pastoral letter calling on all Catholics in the diocese to take stock of the cultural heritages of their parishes. At his urging, many built bridges to other parishes, breaking down ethnic lines.

Last year he issued a second pastoral letter focusing on racism. It cited not only the Bible but also contemporary Black studies scholar Cornel West.

"Racism has so permeated our culture and the institutions of our society that it is a social as well as a personal sin. Just as individuals stand in need of conversion, so, too, do the institutions of our society," Melczek wrote.

Fellow bishops, including Cardinals Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Theodore McCarrick of Washington, praised the letter.

The letter sparked parish discussions that elicited the tales of prejudice that became the heart of four listening sessions, including a recent gathering of 300 Roman Catholics in a Merrillville parish hall.

After hearing Valtierra and three women speak, the audience broke into small groups to consider what the church should do about racism.

Sunday's atonement service marked a turning point, said the Rev. Rick Dudash of nearby Hebron, chairman of the diocese's anti-racism committee. It will ritualize the church's own confession of the sin of racism and should prompt parish social justice committees toward action in their own neighborhoods.

But further changes must start with the individual, said Malcolm Lunsford, a retired pipefitter and ordained deacon. No matter how trivial a racist comment may seem, Catholics must object as a matter of faith, he told the Merrillville gathering.

"It's very hard to do the first time, but it gets easier," Lunsford said.

Melczek and Valtierra said even isolated racist comments have a lasting impact on the psyche of the offended. Valtierra, after being admonished for reciting his prayers in Spanish, turned to English for even traditional prayers even at home, to the consternation of his elders.

"Did it have an effect? I think so," said Valtierra, who is now the northwest Indiana chancellor for Indiana's vocational college network.

His story moved one member of his audience more than most.

"I just had one of the nuns come up and apologize for that," he said.

Court upholds Bobby Frank Cherry's conviction

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A state appeals court unanimously upheld ex-Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry's murder convictions and life sentences for a 1963 church bombing that killed four Black girls in Birmingham.

The Alabama Court of

Criminal Appeals rejected Cherry's argument that the 37-year delay between the crime and his indictment in 2000 prejudiced his case.

"There is no proof in the record before us that the state intentionally caused the pre-indictment delay," Judge Sue Bell Cobb wrote in the 5-0 decision.

Cherry, 74, who was convicted in the bombing in May 2002, is serving four consecutive life sentences. He has maintained that he is innocent and that he is "a political prisoner in Alabama."

A powerful bomb went off at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963, as

Birmingham's public schools were being racially integrated for the first time.

The blast killed four girls inside the stone-and-brick church, which was a gathering spot for demonstrators seeking an end to legalized segregation in the city.

AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

12th Annual Parents Appreciation Banquet a success

By Mikal Saahir

People traveled from as far away as Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and several Midwest cities to attend the 12th Annual Parents Appreciation Banquet held last weekend at Martin University.

This annual banquet is a special time to honor all parents as God has ordered humanity in both the Qur'an and the Bible. Its an occasion to recognize the special blessings we have in our parents, and to show our appreciation for their many years of sacrifice, guidance, and love.



The Holy Qur'an states "Thy Lord hath decreed that ye worship none but Him, and that ye be kind to parents." The Bible says, "Honour thy father and thy mother."

W. Deen Mohammed, the son of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad. He addressed the theme of Parents Appreciation by speaking on the family as well as highlighting freedom and man's responsibility in life.

Mohammed began by stating that "the human being is a very special creation," when it comes to utilizing the benefits in creation and that family life stimulated mankind's progress in creation. "If it wasn't for the family, the tradition that we call family, we won't have progress at all." Mohammed added, "History tells us that when the male marries the female he works



Students from the Omar Malik Weekend School present music and drill team formations at the banquet. (Photos/C. Guynn)

harder, especially if he really loves her. The male gets a female and he is encouraged to do something with his life."

Indicating a distinction between the traditional family and the modern family, the Imam observed, "I don't know how we see freedom nowadays. Freedom is to make a real contribution to the world as servants of God," not to do what our flesh tells us to do such as, "the freedom to dance or to have fun."

He cautioned, "The world was never meant to be a fun thing or a fun place," as he acknowledged that, "It was meant to give us pleasure, but not to be taken as a toy, but to be taken seriously."

Father Boniface Hardin spoke on submission, humility and love. "I have found, inside of this love that I was looking for, that it is in submission to Allah and to each other that we will effect reconciliation."

He continued, "Violence will not remedy violence, and only

through submission to each other, rather we are wife, husband, or child. And submission to obedience to parents."

Hardin, noting that he was a Priest "to serve" and also a Monk "to better myself" spoke on the 12 Steps of the Order of St. Benedict. He mused, "Some of you have been practicing monasticism by being humble to each other. Submission to each other is humility."

Hardin concluded, "The challenge that we have is that we must continue to understand each other. We must trust one another and be submissive in our lives."

Four individuals were recognized as "Parents of the Year," Juanita Muwakkil, Carolyn Saahir, and Sister Jane Schilling, all of Indianapolis, and Angela Gott of Evansville, Ind. Imam Ahmad Abdur-Rahim of Indianapolis was awarded as the "Pioneer of the Year."

On Saturday the Nur-Allah Islamic Center hosted its 12th Annual Parents Appreciation Banquet. This year's special guest was Imam W. Deen Muhammad (left), president of The Mosque Cares and son of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad. He is shown with Father Boniface Hardin, founder and president of Martin University (center) and Sister Jane.

BISHOP

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among local youth, while also providing job training. Light of the World also operates the New Directions Academy (NDA), a military style alternative school program that seeks to positively correct disruptive and disrespectful behavior among troubled students in local schools.

"Bishop Benjamin is a pillar of the Indianapolis community," Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson told The Recorder. "His leadership, vision and involvement in everything our city has to offer has been invaluable to our neighborhoods, churches and residents. Our city is blessed to have such an individual living, working and doing good deeds in our community."

Benjamin said he is most proud of the fact that he has helped over 30 men and women accept their calling by becoming ordained ministers. As presiding Bishop of the Christian Ecumenical Covenant Fellowship many pastors and ministers of

ten visit him for guidance, advice and encouragement. But Benjamin has his own all-star list of role models who have shaped the person he is today. He was influenced by the activism of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor Robert Schuller, Dr. Howard Thurman, Rev. R.H. Peoples (who he succeeded as pastor of Second Christian Church before moving to Light of the World), and his late grandmother, Marilla Jackson.

Last year Light of the World completed its first phase of the 3,600 acre City on a Hill complex located on North Michigan Road. Administrative offices, educational units and a temporary worship center/fellowship hall were constructed. The church plans to open a permanent sanctuary and senior life center within the next 36 months.

Benjamin, however, hopes his influence actually has less to do with buildings and land.

"I would like to think that

I've tried to make a difference in the life of the African American community in particular and the whole community in general by modeling excellence," he stated. "I've tried to face issues that keep our people from prospering and hold up a standard of what African Americans can do through faith and the grace of God."

And with a smile in his voice, the Bishop extends thanks to the congregation that has supported him throughout a remarkable pastoral tenure.

"We have come a long way and it's not because we're doing such a good job, but because God's been so good," said Benjamin. "And the best is yet to come. Thank you for loving me because I love you the same way."

For more information about events honoring T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr., call Light of the World Christian Church at (317) 254-5922 or log on to www.lightoftheworld.org.

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ACTS OF FAITH

Granddaughter writes to angel grandma

Faith is presented in a very powerful and undeniable form when it comes from the heart of a child. This is the case with Candance Day, a 10-year-old from Indianapolis who wrote a posthumous letter of tribute to her grandmother, Pearl Rainey Johnson. Johnson, a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and planting flowers, recently made the transition to heaven at age 67. Here are the words of her granddaughter.

Grandma, I'm writing you this letter to let you know how dearly missed you'll be.

You are in a much more peaceful place, where they granted you your wings and the golden gates of heaven will open upon you. You'll be at peace and rest, so there's no more pain or suffering. You're a beautiful angel in God's outfield.

You are flying away to a more beautiful place where angels

sing and have peace always upon them.

Grandma, you were once an angel in disguise. Now it's time for you to reveal your true self, spread your wings to fly and bring peace and joy all over the Lord's land.

But even if I cry I just want to let you know how truly missed you'll be.

Love always, your grandchildren and great-grandchildren



Bethel AME Church, the oldest existing African American congregation in Indianapolis, recently held a ground breaking ceremony for the installation of a new elevator, which church leaders say will be very helpful to members and visitors. Rev. John Lambert (third from left), pastor of Bethel, prepares to break ground with supportive civic and religious leaders. (Photo/C. Guynn)

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Prayer in the workplace

By Mary M. Chapman
BET.com

Last February, when an American Airlines pilot about to fly from Los Angeles to New York asked his passengers to raise their hands if they were Christians, the resulting fallout proved just how tricky it is to insert religion into the workplace.

Instead of the question being taken as merely conversation from a pilot who was filled with the spirit, the comment caused frenzy among passengers still mindful of the toxic mix of religious zealotry and airplanes. "There was definitely the implication there that we felt that something was going to happen," one passenger told CNN.

After getting complaints, the pilot apologized and, for its part, the airline later explained that such "personal sharing" is not appropriate for an employee to do on the job.

But, increasingly, just that type of personal sharing is happening in America's workplaces.

From prayer before meetings to company-sponsored spiritual retreats, religion in the workplace is a burgeoning trend. There are 10,000 Bible and prayer groups that meet regularly at work, according to the Fellowship for Companies for Christ International.

That's not surprising, considering a recent Gallup poll showed that 90 percent of U.S. adults say that religion is either very important or fairly important in their lives. What's more, 48 percent of those surveyed said they talked about their religious faith at work that day. But at the same

time, charges of religious discrimination in the workplace have risen 48 percent since 1990, said Marta Nieburg, a consultant for TriNet, a San Leandro, Calif.-based human resources firm.

Nellye Hodges, a devout, middle-aged Christian, who a year-and-a-half ago placed a green-and-white sign atop her workplace computer that has "Jesus" crocheted on it, is right in the mix. A service consultant for SBC Communications in Michigan for 20 years, Hodges said the sign is not a problem because there are lots of other "saints" on the job. Co-workers regularly post announcements of religious church events on the community news board, she added.

"I've laid hands [in prayer] on co-workers in the cubicle next door, and the supervisors don't say anything," said Hodges, whose managers are mostly Black. "I can say to a customer over the phone, for instance, 'Have a blessed day.' Sometimes, a customer will bring the subject up, and I just go with it."

Hodges said 9-11 changed everything. "[Managers and co-workers] are less uptight," she said. "Nowadays it's OK to be human ... and being spiritual is a part of being human. We can cry and mourn now, more than we ever could before, and I hear that that's true at a lot of places."

From 1993 to 1999 roughly 300 Xerox Corp. employees — from top-level managers to entry-level clerks — went on product development "vision quests" in New York's Catskill Mountains, seeking inspiration and guidance. Companies such as Pizza Hut and Taco Bell have hired chaplains to visit

employees in hospitals or to help workers handle emotional breakdowns.

There is federal and state-specific legislation that relates to religious freedom. Managers can generally limit conduct that interferes with work, but they cannot prohibit any discussion relating to religion, Nieburg said. However, some managers draw the line when it comes to sharing their faith at work.

"I don't allow proselytizing, and I wouldn't permit prayer sessions," said Margo Williams, president of Margo Williams & Associates, a Detroit-based public relations firm. "I think they are too imposing on others, and it puts pressure on others who don't wish to be involved."

Some human resources experts say managerial flexibility when it comes to religion could improve productivity. Williams said that may be so, but the downside isn't worth it.

"What if an employee is not a Christian and I allow lunch-time prayer... an employee who doesn't participate might worry that they'll be passed over for promotions. I've seen that happen in other places, and I won't let it happen here."

Kerrye Mack, a Rochester, N.Y., guidance counselor who describes herself as "not particularly religious," said she would worry if her manager began to regularly pray at work or to talk about his faith. As it is, she said, she sometimes feels isolated by church-going co-workers. "On Mondays, especially, they talk about what they did in the choir or whatever the day before, and sometimes you do feel a little left out."

Man gets 9 months for vandalizing historic Black church

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A man who blamed his drinking and drug use for the \$75,000 in damage he did to an historic Black church was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Zachary Lee Bryant, 23, said news accounts of the extensive damage done to Mount Moriah Baptist Church on Jan. 11 "made me sick to my stomach" when he saw them the next day, and blamed a night of drinking wine, snorting cocaine and popping pills.

"I was not able at that point to make any judgment at all," Bryant said.

He was the first of two defendants convicted in the case. The other man, Christopher Frank Martin, is to be sentenced next month. Both men could also face charges in federal court if prosecutors can prove their actions were a hate crime.

In court last week, Bryant answered "yes" to several questions from his attorney about

whether he accepted that he was responsible for destroying other people's property, but said he did not accept the notion that he is a racist.

"No. Not at all. I do not accept that fact," he said.

Bryant and Martin forced open a door to the church, threw metal chairs through windows, smashed antique light fixtures and ripped a sink from a wall.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Workshop for small church outreach efforts

The Indianapolis Center for Congregations will host a workshop entitled "A Connection Church" on Oct. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop will offer congregations a very practical look at small outreach group models created to respond to the mobility, fragmentation and isolation that many neighborhoods experience. The registration fee is \$10, which includes lunch. Participants can register online at www.centerforcongregations.org

or call the Center at (317) 237-7799. The Indianapolis Center for Congregations is located at 303 N. Alabama St. Suite 100, Indianapolis.

Seminar for individuals wary of Christian church

Do you know someone who is a "non-churchgoer"? Do you know someone who has limited understanding of the Bible, or has anxieties in being associated with the church?

The Alpha Ministry of Barnes United Methodist Church is currently hosting a series of

seminars. The series, which is in its third week, will run through Nov. 5.

A goal of this program is to offer an opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for today's individual. Participants will have many opportunities for discussion, and the style is informal. Those who are new to the church along with both former and present regular church attendees are invited. For more information or to sign up for the next session, call (317) 923-9197. Barnes United Methodist Church is located at 900 W. 30th St.



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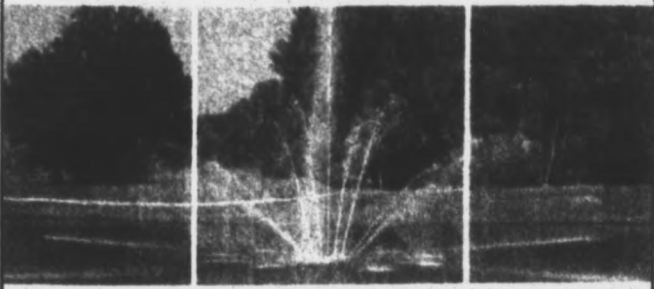
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Robyn Ryland-Sanders
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Most high school students start the school year with a little anticipation, a little nervousness. Seventeen-year-old Kierra "Kiki" Sheard started her senior year of high school with a history-making album debut. The EMI Gospel sensation has landed at the top of the charts with her first CD, *I Owe You*. Released on September 7, the album, powered by its first single — the Rodney Jerkins-produced hit "You Don't Know" — blasted into the number one spot on both the Billboard Gospel and the Billboard Heatseeker charts. The high-flying debut also landed at number four on the Billboard Christian chart, number 29 on Billboard R&B and number 115 on the Billboard Top 200. "You Don't Know" has been No. 1 on the R&R Gospel Radio chart for two weeks running.

"To my knowledge this is unprecedented," said EMI Gospel Vice-President and General Man-

ager Larry Blackwell. "This is the first time in the history of the Soundscan era that a new gospel artist has debuted at number one on the gospel sales charts."

In addition to Jerkins' "You Don't Know," *I Owe You* includes songs from some of today's hottest gospel music producers including: "Praise Offering," "Closer," and "Church Nite" (PAJAM); "All I Am," "Done Did It," and "Let Go" (Warryn Campbell); "Sweetest Thing" and "War" (J. Drew and Earl Wright III), among others.

"It's always inspiring to work with great artists - to work with Kierra Sheard who at age 17 is already an amazing singer has been doubly inspiring," states Ken Pennell, President of EMI Gospel. "She's using her wonderful talent to convey the gospel message to her own generation. We look forward to helping her in that cause for many years to come."

Though this is her first album, Sheard has been immersed in Gospel music since birth, and her career follows a long-standing

family commitment that began with Sheard's grandmother, Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, president of the Church of God in Christ Music Department for 25 years. Since the age of nine, Sheard has performed with her mother, Karen Clark-Sheard, and aunts — the legendary Clark Sisters. Sheard was a featured vocalist on all three of her mother's solo releases, and her performance of "The Will Of God" on Clark-Sheard's 1997 solo debut, *Finally*, brought the young Sheard a prestigious Stellar Award for Best Children's Performance.

Now, after years of playing supporting roles in the family business, the teenage Sheard stands triumphantly at center stage. She toured extensively last summer during her school break, performing with her mother and Aunt Dorinda Clark and The Clark Sisters, and will continue to perform at scheduled intervals — when her schoolwork allows. "The Clark family has passed the torch to Kiki," says Blackwell. "And she's running with it."



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OUTLOOK

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world, nation, or state, but we can work on us — right here and right now. Hell can't live here. Hell has got to go and that means if no one else wants to live right, we who claim Christ ought to so that our light will become so bright that it will make others want to give right, live right, love right, do right without compromise standing on the word of God because what each one of us does or does not do directly affects everyone else indirectly.

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Mrs. Warfield born October 8, 1919 passed at home at age 84 on July 7, 2004. She was member of Little Flower Church 17 years, a retiree from Senior Companions organization. She was preceded in death by husband Raymond and son Kenneth both in 1972.

Mrs. Warfield is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Kohlium and Mrs. Brenda Galbreath both of Indianapolis, she was blessed with 10 grandchildren, 13 great grand children.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004

Dr. Elders to speak at health conference

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Indianapolis and the Indiana University School of Medicine will welcome Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the nation's first African-American woman to serve as U.S. surgeon general on Oct. 16.

Elders will address medical students as well as the general public during the annual Student National Medical Association Regional Conference at a black-tie dinner.

The theme for the conference is Elements of Practical Medicine.

"Dr. Elders has always been involved in public health," said Robert Patterson, president of the IU chapter of the Student Medical Association (SMA). "Her theory has always been to go to the community and try to work through ways of disease prevention as opposed to taking care of people once they are already sick."

Known as a "lightning rod for public health," Elders is a pediatric endocrinologist, veteran of the U.S. Army and is a distinguished professor of public health at the University of Arkansas College of

Medicine.

Appointed surgeon general by then President Bill Clinton, Elders resigned under pressure after only 15 months surrounded by controversial remarks she made at a United Nations conference on AIDS.

The daylong conference will include intensive workshops on hypertension, cardiovascular disease, integrative medicine and sexually transmitted diseases.

Following is Elders blunt evaluation on each.

On hypertension: "I think hypertension is very important especially in the minority community because it's twice as high in the Black community than it is in the white community. If you have hypertension you are far more likely to have a stroke and if you have a stroke now you have a disability and you often aren't able to work. It's something that can be controlled."

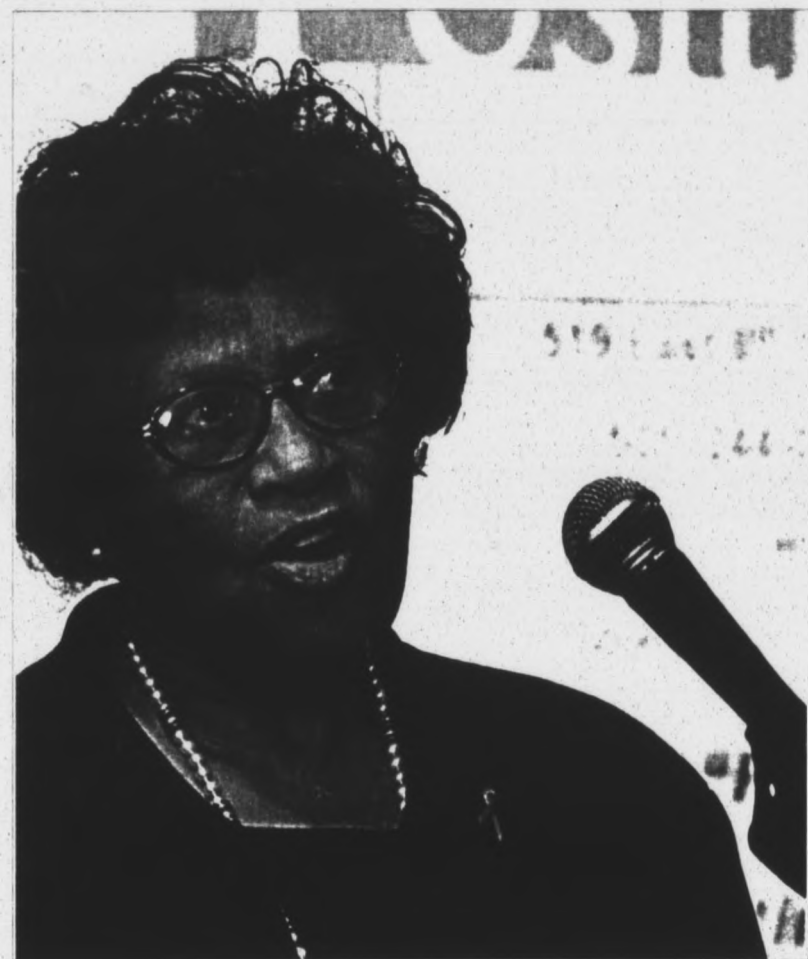
On cardiovascular disease: "We (the Black community) have a third higher risk than what is found in the white population."

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HEALTH WATCH



William Willis (left) and Mel Blaylock (right) of the Knights of Peter Claver look over the program at the Men's Health Symposium as Father Boniface Hardin, president of Martin University poses for The Recorder's camera. (Photo/C. Guynn)



Dr. Joycelyn Elders is the nation's first African-American woman to serve as U.S. surgeon general. She was appointed by then President Bill Clinton.

Smoking moms may boost tots' risk of colic

CHICAGO (AP) — Mothers who smoke during or after pregnancy increase their babies' risk of developing colic, those vexing, inconsolable crying spells that affect up to 20 percent of U.S. babies in their first few months of life, researchers say.

The culprit, based on studies in adults, is likely nicotine, which increases blood levels of a gut protein involved in digestion, said Brown University epidemiologist Edmond Shenassa. That may result in painful cramping that makes babies cry, he said.

Shenassa and Harvard University researcher Mary-Jean Brown reviewed several studies, includ-

ing six that involved more than 12,000 babies.

The data suggest that compared with nonsmokers, mothers who smoke during pregnancy face about double the risk of having infants with colic, Shenassa said.

Secondhand smoke — from parents and others who light up around the baby — also appears to increase the risk for colic, but Shenassa said more research is needed to sort out how much those factors increases the risk.

Smoking by mothers already has been linked with an increased risk for low birthweight, sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory problems in infants.



St. Francis sponsors Fall Health Festival

Special to The Recorder

Healthy living is a choice, and St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers wants to help seniors choose to live healthier. St. Francis Hospital's Senior Promise program will host its seventh annual Fall Health Festival on Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at The Atrium, 3143 E. Thompson Rd. There is adequate parking nearby, and The Atrium is wheelchair-accessible.

At the Fall Health Festival, participants will find information about many different topics. Participants also can receive several health screenings, most of them free of charge. Some of the screenings that will be available at this year's festival include:

■ Flu shots — \$20 charge unless you have Medicare Part B. Bring your Medicare card

with you, and your flu shot will be free.

■ Cholesterol screening — A limited number will be available. Please stop by the booth to sign up for a screening time.

■ Balance assessment — Free.

■ Blood pressure screening — Free.

■ Stroke risk assessment — Free.

■ Foot screening — Free.

■ Hearing screening — Free.

■ Lymphedema screening — Free.

■ Depression screening — Free.

Door prizes and refreshments also will be available.

The health festival is for people age 50 and older, people with diabetes, caregivers, anyone looking for community resources for seniors and people with disabilities.

For more information about the Fall Health Festival, call (317) 782-6660.

Secondhand smoke the most common source of indoor air pollution

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department

What is secondhand smoke?

Secondhand smoke (SHS) is a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers. A cigarette burning on its own burns more slowly, causing incomplete combustion and dirtier smoke than the main-stream smoke a smoker inhales. Unlike most cigarettes, secondhand smoke is not filtered, and therefore, all of the chemicals remain present.

SHS is the most common source of indoor air pollution in Marion County and the United States. SHS is a known cancer-causing agent in humans and has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Group A carcinogen. Group A carcinogens include only the most dangerous substances such as asbestos and radon. There is no safe level of exposure to Group A carcinogens.

What are the dangers of secondhand smoke?

Exposure to secondhand smoke is deadly. The EPA, along with multiple national, international, private and public organizations, has studied the causal effects of secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable

death in the country, killing at least 53,000 non-smokers in the United States each year. For every eight smokers who die from using tobacco products, one nonsmoker is killed by secondhand smoke.

Smoke Free Indy is a coalition of state and local public health organizations, community based organizations, physicians, businesses, schools and Marion County residents dedicated to reducing exposure to secondhand smoke. Smoke Free Indy is working to ensure all Marion County workplaces and public places are 100 percent smoke free.

Community Forums

Attend one of these forums to learn why you should ask for and expect a Smoke Free Indy.

October 12, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
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- Karla Sneegas, Executive Director, Indiana Tobacco Prevention & Cessation
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Light snacks & refreshments will be served.

Implant device appears to block strokes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tiny tent-like device implanted into the heart appears to block strokes caused by a common irregular heartbeat, sealing off a spot where dangerous blood clots form, German and U.S. researchers have reported.

While more research is needed, stroke specialists said the implant could offer long-needed protection for thousands of patients with atrial fibrillation.

In early stage testing of 111 patients at very high risk of a stroke, the PLAATO device cut that risk by two-thirds, Dr. Yves Bayard of the CardioVascular Center in Frankfurt, Germany, told an international meeting of cardiovascular researchers in Washington.

These were "the worst imaginable patients," yet the early signs of stroke protection "are overwhelming," added Dr. Paul Kramer of Shawnee Mission, Kan., who helped lead the U.S. half of that study.

About 2.5 million Americans have atrial fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat most common among the elderly and on the rise as the population ages. It occurs when the top chambers of the heart, called the atria, speed up so fast that instead of pumping blood they quiver — literally looking like a bag of worms.

With each episode, blood can pool inside the heart and form clots that pose a risk of a major stroke. Some 15 percent of the nation's 700,000 annual strokes are caused by atrial fibrillation.

The blood thinner warfarin can significantly lower that risk. But it is so hard to use, because of side effects and dosing difficulty, that many patients cannot take it.

The PLAATO device is "a new way of almost curing the problem," said Dr. Mark Alberts, a neurologist at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital and American Stroke

Association spokesman who is watching the implant research.

It is complicated to implant, Alberts said. But, he said, "It's a viable option for patients who, for one reason or another, cannot take warfarin."

In atrial fibrillation, 90 percent of stroke-causing blood clots form in a thumb-sized flap that hangs off the edge of the left atrium. This flap, called the left atrial appendage, serves no biological purpose. It is a leftover from fetal development, sort of a belly button of the heart.

PLAATO is a little metal cage covered with Gore-Tex that opens and closes. Doctors thread the closed cage into the left atrium and then expand it to cover the flap opening — almost like popping open a tent. Tiny hooks hold it in place until, in a few months, tissue grows over it to permanently seal the opening.



After the 2nd Annual Multidisciplinary Conference (left to right) Art Jordan, Dr. Raymond Pierce, Dr. Kola Okayemi, Dr. Steve Simpson, Dr. Dennis Jackson, Dr. Virginia Caine, Dr. Brian Steuerwald and Dr. Arden Christen pose together for a picture. One of the topics discussed at the event was tobacco cessation in the minority community. (Photo/C. Gwynn)

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HoosierRx is the state's prescription drug program that saves seniors 75 percent on medications, up to a maximum of \$1,000 from now until December 2005.

Hoosiers age 65 or older, with a monthly income under \$1,068 for an individual or \$1,426 for a married couple and who do not have prescription drug insurance or Medicaid benefits, are eligible for the program. The card can be used along with the federal Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card and is accepted at most Indiana pharmacies.

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HEALTH BRIEFS

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month

In celebration and support of National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, the Indiana Down Syndrome Foundation and the National Down Syndrome Society announces their 7th annual "Buddy Walk" Oct. 16 at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis. The Buddy Walk is a fun filled day for the whole family that helps raise awareness of people with Down Syndrome.

Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the walk along with an information fair and entertainment. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on the corner of New York and West streets. The walk starts at noon. Proceeds from the walk help fund programs of IDSF in support of individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.

For more information visit www.indianadsf.org or call (317) 925-7617 or 888-989-WALK

Lack of sunlight may place some at risk for seasonal disorder

Special to The Recorder

MUNCIE, Ind. — As the hours of daylight decrease over the fall and winter months, millions of Americans may need to find alternative lighting options to battle the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), says a Ball State University psychologist.

SAD is a disorder associated with depression and related to seasonal variations of light. SAD has been linked to melatonin, a sleep-related hormone secreted by the pineal gland in the brain. This hormone, which may cause symptoms of depression, is produced at increased levels in the dark.

Phototherapy, or bright light therapy, is effective in battling the depression linked with the disorder, said Jay Zimmerman, associate director of Ball State's Counseling Center.

"There are specific lamps and light banks that can be purchased that give a full sunlight effect," he said. "If you work in an office with a window, leave the blinds open and sit next to the window so you can look out and let the sunlight into your eyes."

"One study found that an hour in winter sunlight was as effective as two and a half hours under bright artificial light," he said. "Also, if it is too cold to

walk outside, find a place indoors where sunlight comes in and spend some time there taking in the sun during lunch or a break."

According to the National Mental Health Association, some of the symptoms of the disorder include:

- Regularly occurring symptoms of depression during the fall or winter months.

- Symptoms have occurred in the past two years, with no non-seasonal depression episodes.

- Seasonal episodes substantially outnumber nonseasonal depression episodes.

- A craving for sugary and/or starchy foods.

"It is important not to diagnose yourself," Zimmerman said. "A mental health professional or physician should be consulted. Symptoms can be linked to a number of other disorders. Medication and psychotherapy can be very helpful."

It is important not to confuse SAD with the normal ups and downs that may come as a result of major life changes, such as seasonal unemployment or starting or ending school, he said.

While women and young people are at the highest risk of the disorder, anyone may be affected. It is estimated that 25 percent of the American population suffers from mild winter blues and about five percent suffer a true seasonal affective depression. The worst months are January and February.

10 remedies for pregnancy nausea

(FeatureSource) — You may have a hard time mustering the energy or enthusiasm to get organized for your baby if pregnancy symptoms such as nausea are hitting you hard. Often referred to as "morning sickness," pregnancy nausea is a very common affliction.

"Expectant mothers and their families are bracing for big changes," says Christine Zuchora-Walske, co-author of *Getting Organized for Your New Baby* (Meadowbrook Press, \$12 at www.meadowbrookpress.com). "Unfortunately, nausea can add to stress and detract from enjoyment during this exhilarating time." Fortunately, she provides some tools for combating pregnancy nausea.

If you suffer from nausea, Zuchora-Walske suggests taking careful notes throughout the day. Record your activities, your snacks and meals and how you feel. This may help you recognize patterns in your nausea and try to prevent it in the future.

If you can't seem to quell your sickness, carry a "nausea survival kit" with you at all times. This should include unscented moist towelettes, a travel-size toothbrush and toothpaste, gum or breath mints, a plastic bag and possi-

bly a fan.

Zuchora-Walske provides the following 10 remedies for pregnancy nausea:

- Try high-protein or high-carbohydrate snacks such as peanuts, soda crackers and granola bars. These will soak up excess stomach acid and prevent blood sugar swings that can lead to nausea.

- Eat small, frequent meals to avoid having an empty or too-full stomach.

- If you don't have to wake up at a set time, don't. Get as much rest as possible and ease into your day.

- Carry hard candy with you. Sometimes, sucking on something tart or sweet can ease nausea.

- Take vitamins with your biggest meal of the day.

- Keep a damp cloth at your bedside to place over your eyes or on your forehead when you feel ill.

- Exercise, preferably outdoors. The fresh air will help.

- Be a driver, rather than a passenger, when traveling by car.

- With your caregiver's permission, try a chewable antacid.

- Undergo acupressure treatments or wear acupressure wristbands.

"Whether or not these remedies seem to help you, think positive and keep your eyes on the prize," says Zuchora-Walske. "Your baby!"

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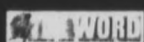
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By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

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- Excerpted from *Revolutionary Integration: A Marxist Analysis of African American Liberation* by Richard Fraser and Tom Boot (\$17.95, 222 pp.)

Revolutionary Integration has been read by many generations before me.

First issued as two separate works, *Revolutionary Integration: The Dialects of Black Liberation* was published as an internal bulletin of the Socialist Workers Party in 1963 and a revised edition appeared in two installments of the Freedom Socialist newspaper in 1977.

The second part titled *Revolutionary Integration: Yesterday and Today* was adopted by the Freedom Socialist Party in 1982 and then published in the Freedom Socialist in 1983. Together *Revolutionary Integration* is a powerful tool to educate African Americans on the history of their ancestors and their struggle for the freedom many of them did not live to see.

Fraser and Boot's work tackles issues such as racism, the impact of Black culture on American society and Blacks and politics from a Marxist perspective.

It offers great insight into why racism is still a part of today's vocabulary despite nearly half a century of fight and sacrifice for civil rights. It also takes an in-depth look into what it calls "the turbulent '60s" involving Black reformists, Black radicals and the impact of Blacks on labor.

On Black reformists, *Revolutionary* highlights Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as being the symbol of the civil rights movement but a self-activated leader. It goes on to say that King was thrust forward by others like Rosa Parks and Black unionists who sparked the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1955 and King "was first and foremost a member of the Black petty-bourgeoisie" and was their "go-between with the movement."

On Black radicals the book emphasizes the work of Malcolm X, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It also speaks on how the term "Black Power" became one of the "most ambiguous, misunderstood, and misused slogans of resistance of the decade."

In eight pages, *Revolutionary* summarizes the impact of Blacks on labor in sections such as the March of Washington, the Memphis sanitation strike and also the Charleston hospital strike as examples of the fight for equality in working conditions.

Revolutionary Integration is not just powerful but necessary to take a look back on how far African Americans have come. It's a history lesson to those who lived it and those wanting to learn more about it.

Local saxophonist thankful for
Classic opportunityBy JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

Saxophonist Rob White opened for Marion Meadows during the Coca-Cola Circle City Classic Jazz Old School Basement Party and was excited about playing in front of his home crowd.

"The performance went really well," said White. "The crowd was on their feet stepping and dancing. Everyone got out to dance on my last song and that was the highlight of the evening for me."

White, who moved to Indianapolis to live with family has been playing the sax since he was young.

"My mother got me started in music," said White. "She brought home an alto saxophone when I was 10."

Although he began at a young age, White didn't think of playing music as a career until after high school.

"I didn't really get into it until about two years after high school," said White. "I started playing in the church and getting into it more."

White, who has recently signed with E2 and Char Entertainment management, originally had other plans for his future.

"I was into martial arts and acting," he said. "That's what I really wanted to do. When my family brought me to Indianapolis, my mother took me to a restaurant where Gregg Bacon was performing. I played for him and he like it and encouraged me."

Bacon served as a mentor-type figure to White and is one of the young musician's inspirations. "I saw (Bacon) at one of his shows at Rick's Boatyard and Café," said White. "I saw how people were into him. There were people lined up before the show started and that made me want to perform."

When he's on stage, White enjoys performing in front of people. His favorite part of playing is seeing how an audience responds to his music.

"I like to vibe with the people and see them having a good time," he said. "I like to see their emotions and couples grooving together."

White is confident about his music and feels he has a sound that people want to hear. His manager, Erica Williams, agrees.

"In comparing Rob's music we think he sounds like jazz artists Najee or Kirk Whalum," she said. "We're excited about getting his name and face out there. We want Indianapolis to know about him and support him."

White is currently working on an album that is scheduled for release around Valentine's Day 2005.

But for now he is pleased with the chance given to him. "I was looking forward to it and I gave it my best shot," he said. "Being a part of Classic is a wonderful thing. I've wanted to be a part of it since I've been in Indianapolis. It was a big opportunity and I want to thank Geno Shelton for it."

Director, filmmaker to co-direct Phoenix Theatre's 'Crowns'

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

"I don't believe in the starving artist concept, I've never starved a day in my life. If you're going to put that much time and energy into a project you deserve something for your hard work. As an artist, you have to be a good businessperson also," said Shari Lynn Himes, former manager of the Indiana State Museum's Legacy Theater and current co-director of the Phoenix Theatre's production of "Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats."

Himes shows that she practices what she preaches. From directing "Crowns" to running her theater company Black Box Theater to writing a feature-length screenplay, Himes always makes sure she is working in her chosen field.

After her contract ended with the State Museum, she immediately went to Chicago to work as a stage coordinator on an upcoming 20th Century Fox movie "Roll Bounce" starring Indianapolis' own Mike Epps and directed by Malcolm Lee ("The Best Man").

She worked on the set for three and a half months before quickly returning to Indianapolis when given the chance to direct.

"Crowns" is what brought me back from Chicago earlier than anticipated," said Himes. "I was kind of hesitant because I was going to work on the Chicago International Film Festival but I still want to direct."

Now given the chance to go back to doing what she loves best, Himes is excited for the opportunity.

"We have a dynamic cast and crew (for 'Crowns')," she said. "It will be a nice mix of music, oral history and choreography as it



Shari Himes

associates with the Black experience."

Himes is concerned about telling the story of the Black experience, and other culture's stories as well. Black Box Theater, a touring company that explores cultural experiences, is now expanding on her work at the Legacy Theater. However, it has more to offer than that.

"I want to continue to grow Black Box," said Himes. "I want to further tell the stories and add an alternate voice to the cultural experience."

In addition to moving along her own business, Himes is anxious to help others in the industry as well. When her screenplay, a romantic comedy taking place in the Indianapolis airport, begins production she plans to include internships with the project.

"I'm hoping to involve an internship component with the project," said Himes. "My hope is to reach out to disenfranchised youth or up-and-coming filmmakers."

With all of that on her plate, one might think that was enough for Himes, but it isn't. She is also accepting charitable donations for her 23-minute short "A Song for Jade." Himes would like to make it into a feature film but is having a difficult time getting funding.

"As artists we (Blacks) are still struggling to get funding for our craft," she said. "People are judgmental about who they support. I say look at the track record of an artist. I wish the community would take a good, hard look at funding African-American artists because our art is often overlooked and dismissed."

O'Jays still ride 'Love Train'

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rhythm & blues singing group the O'Jays had their start in Ohio about 38 years before the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum opened in Cleveland nine years ago.

They are still making music. Their newest album was released last week.

Original O'Jays Eddie Levert, 62, and Walter Williams, 61, say they keep singing because they love it, although

possible recognition some day in the Rock Hall would suit them just fine.

"Local band makes good," Williams said, with a chuckle.

But he said what matters most to the O'Jays is performing.

"I think the common denominator for us is that we love it. Eddie once told me he loves what he's doing so much, he would love it even if no one paid him. I don't know if I love it that much," Williams said, causing Levert and the

third O'Jay, Eric Grant, to burst into laughter.

Levert, Williams and Grant, 42, spend a lot of time in the Cleveland area, where they have their homes. Grant was a teen-ager who got to know Levert and Williams by visiting Levert's son, Gerald, now an independent recording artist who sometimes fills in for his dad in performances.

The O'Jays stayed true to their traditional sound in "Imagination," their new album released through New York-based Music

World Music/Sanctuary Urban Records Group. The O'Jays say they have no idea how many records they have made over the years, although Grant, who has become an O'Jays historian just by listening to Levert and Williams so much, guessed 42 albums.

Sanctuary Urban Records says the O'Jays have made more than 60 albums and 59 songs that have made the

charts.

Levert and Williams "kind of shy away from trends, because there's no longevity in that flavor-of-the-month music. When I'm in the studio with them and I hear them putting together a song, they try to make something that will last for a long time," Grant said.

They always prefer the Philly Sound, as established on the Philadelphia International label. Levert explained the sound is a combination of gospel, blues and rock.

"That was our roots. We started out in Canton (Ohio) with me, Walter, my two brothers, and we were doing gospel radio. We were coming on every Sunday, singing," Levert said.

They came to Cleveland to perform at a dance and caught the attention of a popular disc jockey, Eddie O'Jay, who took them under his wing and gave them their name.

What change there is in the O'Jays comes naturally, Levert said.

"There's no way you could ever possibly say you really stayed the same," he said. "Now for me, maybe it's a little raspier. The overall technique and the approach is still the same."

Whenever they perform for a live audience, some of their classics are a must, and they gladly

oblige with songs such as "Back Stabbers," "For the Love of Money," "Darlin' Darlin' Baby," "Love Train," "I Love Music" and "Have You Had Your Love Today?"

"We have to do them," Levert said. "In fact they take up a majority of the show. They (the audience) will not be satisfied if we don't."

The New York-based Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation's nominating committee selects nominees each year in the performer category. This year the O'Jays are one of 15 nominees. Ballots go to about 1,000 voters considered rock music experts. The foundation generally announces five to seven performers as inductees each year, usually in November.

Terry Stewart, president and chief executive officer of the Rock Hall, said past inductees include a solid representation of performers fitting into the R&B/soul music classification.

Stewart won't predict who will get voted in, but he did say he likes the O'Jays' chances.

"They have had a body of work that goes back to the 1950s, from the period of early soul into the Philadelphia sound, and they are still a tremendous act today," Stewart said.



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Nelly makes big movie debut

By CHUCK CREEKMUR
From BET.com

Nelly has already conquered the pop charts as both of his new albums, "Sweat" and "Suit," have debuted as No. 1 and 2 on Bill-

Nelly

board. Now the rapper is trying to make a similar mark in the world of film with "The Longest Yard."

The movie is a remake of a classic Burt Reynolds' film from the '70s, but this version stars comedians Chris Rock and Adam Sandler. In the film, a crooked jail warden wants a group of inmates to play football against the guards, under the assumption they will be beaten.

Nelly told BET.com, "It's amazing ... Burt Reynolds is also in this one with (former Dallas Cowboy) Michael Irving, 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin and former football players Bill Romanowski, Bryan Bosworth."

Nelly explained the other forces behind the big budget movie.

"The movie is just big and fun. A bunch of grown men running around in the dirt having fun,"

Nelly said. "The set has just been off the chain. It's a real good, fun atmosphere."

This isn't Nelly's first foray into film. In 2001, Nelly starred in "Snipes," a crime thriller where he played a new hip-hop artist named Prolifik.

Of his own role, the rapper said, "I play a running back by the name of Earl Megat and I am kinda' the first convict that wants to play the guards. After that the rest of the brothers come over- like "OK, we're down. But it's a hot movie and I think everybody is gonna love it and it's big for me cause it's my first blow-out one. I did the one in 'Snipes' but that was 2001. That kinda' went to DVD but this is like my first motion picture and I am real excited."

"The Longest Yard" will be released sometime in 2005.

'American Idol' Fantasia ends tour

SINGAPORE (AP) — Days before the last show in the "American Idol Live" tour, Fantasia Barrino, winner of the third season of the popular U.S. TV singing competition, insisted Sunday that she will not be forgotten.

"I'm not going to let people forget me. I'm going to be on cereal boxes, milk cartons and ice-cream trucks," said the 19-year-old from the state of North Carolina.

Barrino was speaking to reporters in Singapore, where she and six finalists from the show performed on Tuesday as part of their three-month, 50-city tour.

"I don't want everybody to see me as the 'American Idol' — I want them to see me as Fantasia," she said.

A year ago, Barrino was unemployed and borrowing money to rent a one-bedroom apartment where she lived with her daughter, Zion, now age 2.

Now she has a new \$500,000 home, a new single on music store shelves — and a lot of optimism.

"I think it's just about pushing past 'American Idol' and going on with your career," she said.

"American Idol" is an enormously popular TV show in Singapore — the live tour's only stop outside the United States. LAMC Productions, a promoter in the wealthy Southeast Asian city-state, said it won rights to host the event after an intense bidding competition.

Fantasia Barrino

Race has fishy role in 'Shark Tale'

Will Smith is the voice of Oscar.

By JAMES HILLS
BET.com Staff Writer

At what age do children first notice race?

While watching the new underwater cartoon "Shark Tale," will your toddlers get that Will Smith's character Oscar is supposed to be Black because he hangs out in the more ghetto part of the communal reef and starts his sentences with "yo, yo" or simply because they recognize Smith's voice?

Will the graffiti-sprayed whales and run-down conditions tip kids off that these fish are the scale-and-gill equivalent of Hollywood's portrayal of the Black community? Will any of this sink in?

Had this film, which alternates between laugh-out-loud funny and mildly amusing, been made for adults, perhaps its imaging of the deep blue sea as a multi-ethnic, urban landscape could be taken with a grown-up grain of salt. As it stands, this is a kid's film whose color lines are drawn so clearly it's hard to imagine that even a 3-year-old won't begin his racial education by believing Black fish live in the ghetto and all Italian sharks are mobsters.

"Shark" tells the story of Oscar, a fish with dreams of becoming a celebrity. Oscar is Will Smith at his Will Smithy-est - the cold-blooded version of the ultra-hip, yet non-threatening Fresh Prince persona. Afraid that he'll be destined to work in his father's Whale wash for the rest of his life, Oscar has taken to hustling, which lands him in trouble with a pesky, mob-connected Sykes, a Puffer fish, voiced by Martin Scorsese.

Beneath the waves, the mob isn't big White guys; they're Great White Sharks who sound a lot like movie Mafioso greats like Robert DeNiro, Peter Falk and "Soprano" stars Michael Imperioli and Vincent Pastore.

Tied-up and left to be devoured by sharks, Oscar emerges unscathed when an errant anchor kills an approaching shark while leaving his timid brother, Lenny (Jack Black), to befriend the victorious fish. The two strike up a symbiotic relationship. As a meek vegetarian, Lenny gets to hide out with Oscar, as a newly crowned shark slayer Oscar gets to "fight" Lenny in staged battles that has him a-movin' on up. Oscar quickly becomes a celebrity and fulfills all the material wishes his tiny heart could desire.

With success comes greed and the greedy. Naturally, Oscar barely notices the undying love of his best friend Angie (Renée Zellweger) or that the slinky Lola (Angelina Jolie) is just a bottom feeder looking to suck off his success. What follows is a pretty standard rags-to-riches fable that ultimately has the star learning that fame doesn't make the man, er, fish.

By positing Oscar as Black, "Tale" becomes a bit more poignant, warning about the soulless allure of Escalades and phat cribs. But all the poignancy is undone when you have to watch adolescent fish with Black voices defacing property with spray paint.

Since "Aladdin," theatrical cartoons have attempted to rope in adult audiences with clever pop culture references. "Shark Tale" definitely has its share, the least of which are several nods to "Godfather," which will have fans rolling.

But coupled with the Oscar's hip-hop flava, the film loses the timeless quality that many toons have in spades. Ten years from now, "Shark Tale" may seem a bit dated with its puns on "Cribs" and music video ho-fessionals, whereas "Finding Nemo" will keep fresh.

In the end, it's disappointing that the first big-budget CG cartoon with a lead Black voice has to cash in on easy stereotypes (including two cool-looking, but still offensive Rasta jellyfish). Granted, it took Disney several decades before animating an actual Black human, but at least "The Lion King's" Mufasa (James Earl Jones) had dignity. Oscar, on the other hand, comes off a bit fishy.

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The concert will include awarding of winners of the 10th Annual Etheridge Knight Youth Poetry Contest. Youths, elementary through high school, are invited to participate in the open mic, open stage session. Winner of the open mic will be presented with the Annette L. Lewis Award of Excellence for

their performance.

This event is free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required. For information call (317) 524-6951 or (317) 894-3246.

Wind ensemble to perform JFK tribute

The University of Indianapolis Symphonic Wind Ensemble will open its 2004-2005 season Oct. 14, showcasing works by Dimitri Shostakovich, Eric Whitacre, Howard Hanson, Warren Benson and Alfred Reed.

Admission is free to the 7:30

p.m. concert at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, 1400 E. Hanna Ave.

The concert title, "The Leaves Are Falling," refers to the piece by Benson, an American composer. Written just after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the work was inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke's poem "Autumn." Benson felt the poem, written years before Kennedy's death, captured the essence of the tragedy, and he used it as the basis of his wind ensemble piece.

Actress Fields urges aid for Caribbean

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Kim Fields, who recently learned that she has roots in the Caribbean, is enlisting other celebrities to help the region recover from the hurricanes.

Fields is producing public service announcements for television and radio in which actors such as Blair Underwood ask viewers to support an aid campaign sponsored by the Caribbean Tourism Organization and its Web site, www.onecaribbean.org.

Fields, who starred in the TV shows "The Facts of Life" and "Living Single," also plans to organize



Kim Fields

a series of concerts to benefit those islands hit hardest by the storms.

"The Caribbean is a favorite vacation spot for many people, myself included," Underwood, whose latest show is NBC's "LAX," says in one of the ads. "Recent hurricanes have disrupted many Caribbean countries." He then asks viewers to "give generously" to the relief

effort.

Fields announced the aid campaign at a news conference in New York where she showed the ad featuring Underwood.

She added that "after prodding my 90-something-year-old grandmother, I recently discovered that my great-grandparents

are from Jamaica." She also said she's vacationed and worked in the Caribbean "and enjoyed myself immensely."

Fields said other celebrities who have pledged to help out include actors Flex Alexander ("One on One"), Duane Martin ("All of Us") and Tisha Campbell-Martin ("My Wife and Kids"), and singers Anthony Hamilton and India.Arie.

The majority of Caribbean islands were untouched by the hurricanes, but the storms caused extensive damage on a handful of islands. Haiti, Grand Cayman, Grenada, Grand Bahama, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Turks & Caicos islands and Cuba were the hardest hit.

DMX to take blood tests in paternity battle

By Associated Press

Hip-hop star DMX is planning to take blood tests to prove he's the father of a 5-month-old boy alleged to be his son.

Monique Wayne of Maryland alleges the 33-year-old rapper, real name Earl Simmons, has acknowledged he is the father of her baby - whom he even helped name, but has not provided her with any child support.

As a result, she has slapped DMX with a paternity suit - but his lawyers say he's not paying up until it's proven through blood tests he's the father, in which case, he'll comply with the court's demands.

Wayne, 24, tells American TV show "Celebrity Justice": "What I want from DMX is just to help me support our child."

"Everybody's calling me; they want this, they want that. That's not what I want. I just want to have a simple life."

Wayne claims she has "received threats from associates" of the married father of three.

The child was conceived during a one night stand after Wayne met the rapper in a nightclub in Washington, D.C., last year.

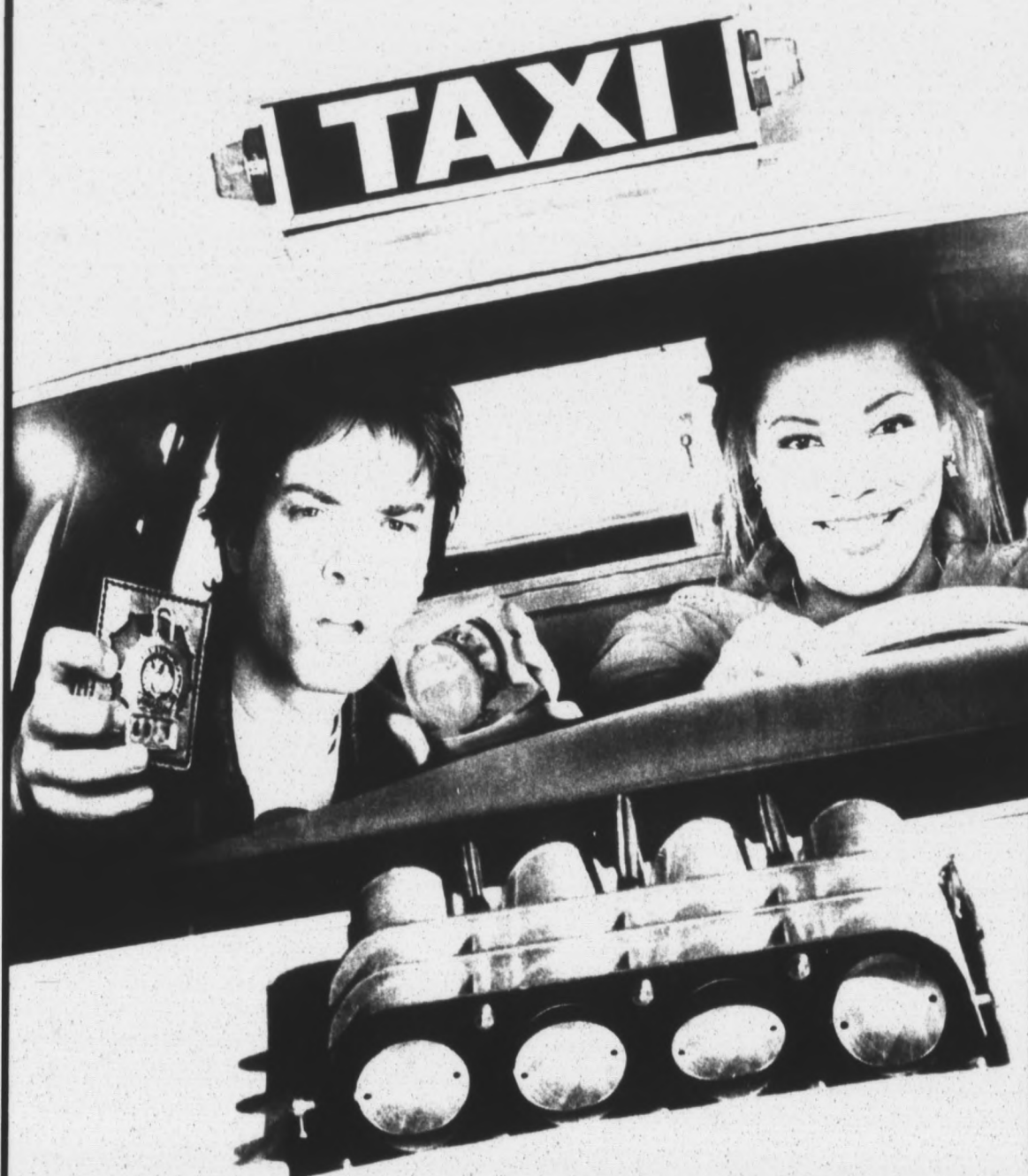
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Chestnut brings the heat in 'Ladder 49'

Electronic Urban Report

It doesn't take long for Morris Chestnut's shirt to come off in his new film "Ladder 49." The scene in question features his character, Baltimore firefighter Tommy Drake, accepting a bet from the date (Jacinda Barrett) of his friend and fellow firefighter Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix). The loser had to run topless around a crowded tavern. Guess who lost the bet?

"That scene was not originally in the movie," laughs Chestnut. "I still don't know to this day what the discussion was that all of a sudden, it's a scene in the movie. I came to work one day and one of the producers, he's normally like a happy go-lucky guy, but he was just kinda somber that day. I was like, 'What's going on?' He kinda hit me up with, 'Yeah, we're gonna be putting a scene in the movie, you know, check it out, just let me know what you think.' He was all nervous and I was like, 'Okaaay, what could that be about?' So I went to my trailer and read it and was like, 'Aw nahhhh.'"

The extreme close-up of his torso drew some audible "oh my damns" from female journalists during a recent press screening. Unfortunately, a shot intended for the fellas, following Chestnut's strip tease, was left on the editing room floor.

"When we were shooting the movie, the big thing of the day that kinda made me feel better about everything was that once I (took off my shirt), the camera goes beyond me, and you see a woman in the scene with her shirt off, too. But it never made it."

The topless scenes were de-



Morris Chestnut

signed by director Jay Russell to show the prank-filled, close-knit, playful bond shared by firefighters, which serves as an anchor for "Ladder 49's" main storyline involving the dangerous rescue attempt of Morrison.

"I never really thought how difficult it would be going into a burning building," Chestnut said of his pre-production training. "At the fire academy, they had this one structure that we set afire a few times and you don't realize that when you go into a burning building, it's completely dark. You have to keep your hand on the wall so you can get back out. There are so many elements when you go into a burning building that if you don't have to experience it, you don't even really think about it. When you realize what they do - they go on duty three nights in a row where you're actually living in the house with guys that you have to trust with your life - it's that close-knit bond that you build."

The 35-year-old from Cerritos,

Calif., built similar bonds early on as an athlete in team sports through elementary, junior high and high school.

"I didn't really pursue acting until I got out of high school," he says. "I've always wanted to play sports. When (acting) came about, I kind of liked the lifestyle that it would allow me to lead. I didn't get into this industry to be famous. I got into this industry to make a good living. I'm not one of the guys that's running for a camera all the time, or seeking out this and that, or going to some nightclub to do something to get in the paper. I make a pretty comfortable living and I'm happy doing that."

Chestnut credits his early sports-based "winners never quit" attitude for his success in Hollywood.

"I think the motivating factor is that as an athlete, you want to succeed, you don't want to fail. There are times when, as an actor, nobody knows you and you can't get an audition and when you go to audition, they don't think you did a good job. And you're like, 'Dang, this is really hard.' I think, 'Well, I can't quit.' I just knew that I couldn't quit."

Chestnut's next film "The Cave," due in March, takes the actor way down below the Earth's surface and directly into the bane of his existence.

"Man, let me tell you. I can't stand being wet," says Chestnut of his role as an underwater cave diver searching for aliens. "I've been wet in a lot of movies. These last two, the snake thing ("Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid") and this cave thing, I'm done with that, till the sequel or something. 'Cave,' I hope we have a sequel, but maybe we can go to outer space or something, where I can be dry."

LaBelle helps reopen arts center

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (AP)—Soul diva Patti LaBelle ushered in a "new day" for a reopened performing arts center in Bergen County.

LaBelle started her show last week with the gospel song "It's a New Day" for the first official concert at bergenPAC.

The formerly named John Harms Center for the Perform-

ing Arts, located in downtown Englewood, closed in April 2003 after it could not repay \$2.3 million borrowed for renovations. Jazz guitarist and Englewood resident George Benson was among members of the Bergen arts community who pleaded with the county to help save the center.

"You have two choices, to make a positive or negative," LaBelle

told the sellout crowd of 1,400 people.

County officials approved the issuance of \$1.9 million in bonds to help revive the arts center, to be paid off with future concert revenues. The center also plans a \$15 million capital and endowment drive.

Kudos for Kimberly

By KAM WILLIAMS
Recorder Correspondent

At an early age, Kimberly Elise already exhibited an interest in artistic endeavors. As a pre-teen, she was writing plays and short stories; in high school, she developed an interest in acting. After graduation, she studied filmmaking at a junior college in her native Minneapolis before going on to earn a degree in communications at the University of Minnesota. Next, she headed to Los Angeles where she enrolled at the American Film Institute before embarking on a critically-acclaimed acting career.

A four-time nominee for an NAACP Image Award, Kimberly has a string of stellar performances on her resume which started with Set It Off and was followed by such movies as Beloved, John Q and The Manchurian Candidate opposite Denzel Washington. She has received further kudos for her Oscar-quality work in her latest film, Woman, Thou Art Loosed.

I recently spoke with the attractive actress about her role in the movie as a child molestation victim-turned-drug-addict-turned prostitute-turned murderer who ends up on Death Row, an outing in which afforded her a chance to exhibit her considerable range.

I know others have been raving about you for years, but your

performance in this film really sold me on you as an actress.

Kimberly Elise: "Really? Oh wow, thanks."

How did you enjoy making the movie?

"Well, it was pretty intense playing an abuse victim. It got pretty dark, though it doesn't compare to the real deal, of course. But just doing it pretend was very trying on the spirit."

How does it measure up for you against some of your other roles?

"This had a special place, because it was an opportunity for me to give face and body and voice to millions and millions of souls who have been silenced by abuse. And to make real what is kept so quiet in society. I hope that being a part of this will help some people in their process of healing."

Tome, it's a service piece, more so than most films. I want everything I do to have a purpose and a certain quality. So, this one was definitely one I wanted to be a part of."

I found it to be a breath of fresh air after recent blaxploitation flicks like Soul Plane and the Cookout.

"One of Woman, Thou Art Loosed's qualities is that it's just a universal story being told by black people. I think we need more films like that which just deal with us as human beings."

Like The Visit? Did you see that?

"I loved that film? Hill [actor Hill Harper] was amazing in it."

You're from Minneapolis. Do

you still have roots there?

"Yeah, my parents and the rest of my family is there. I get home a few times a year, but I'm based in Los Angeles."

You've studied not only acting, but writing and moviemaking. Which is your favorite?

"I've always been interested in both sides of the camera, because I like to create. Acting is definitely my first love, but there are so many stories I'd like to tell. As an actor, you're voice is very limited in any production. They don't even want you to see it till it's all done. So, you really don't have much control. I've been lucky enough to have worked with great directors."

What was it like making Beloved?

"I loved making Beloved. That was definitely a highlight in my filmmaking experience. Between Jonathan [director Jonathan Demme] and Oprah [producer Oprah Winfrey], it was a very positive environment. And Toni Morrison [the book's author] was on the set, too."



Kimberly Elise

Controversial Michael Moore Documentary Arrives in DVD

Just in time to cash in on the contentious political fervor of the impending presidential election, Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11 has been released in DVD. The already incendiary documentary arrives substantially augmented with an interview of a Marine Corporal, 3

featurettes, and a half-dozen deleted scenes, including one shot outside Abu Ghraib prison.

Fahrenheit 9/11 is an unrelenting and unapologetic documentary condemning the President for the quagmire in Iraq. If it's prevailing theses are to be believed, George Bush is a crook

who not only fixed the election that brought him to power, but a lout who preferred to waste his days golfing and fishing while lazily ignoring all the warnings signs of the impending Al-Qaida attack of 9/11.

Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R.

Cultural Union

"The skin color in our family ran from white as snow to dark as night."

L.A. photographer Valena Broussard Dismukes saw African American dancers in full Native American pow wow regalia, and started down a path to explore the lives of people who share both heritages—and who are candid enough to share the celebration and the condemnation they have experienced.

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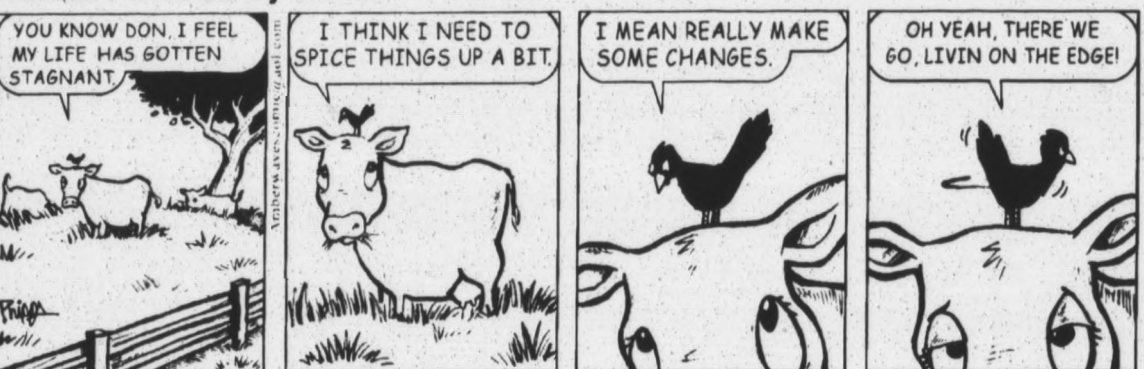
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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Act like a peacock
- 6 Had kittens?
- 10 Played the trumpet
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- 19 Stadium
- 20 Marathon
- 21 Not very often
- 22 Geologic division
- 23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
- 26 Free (of)
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- 28 Range rope
- 29 Brawl
- 30 Bear's lair
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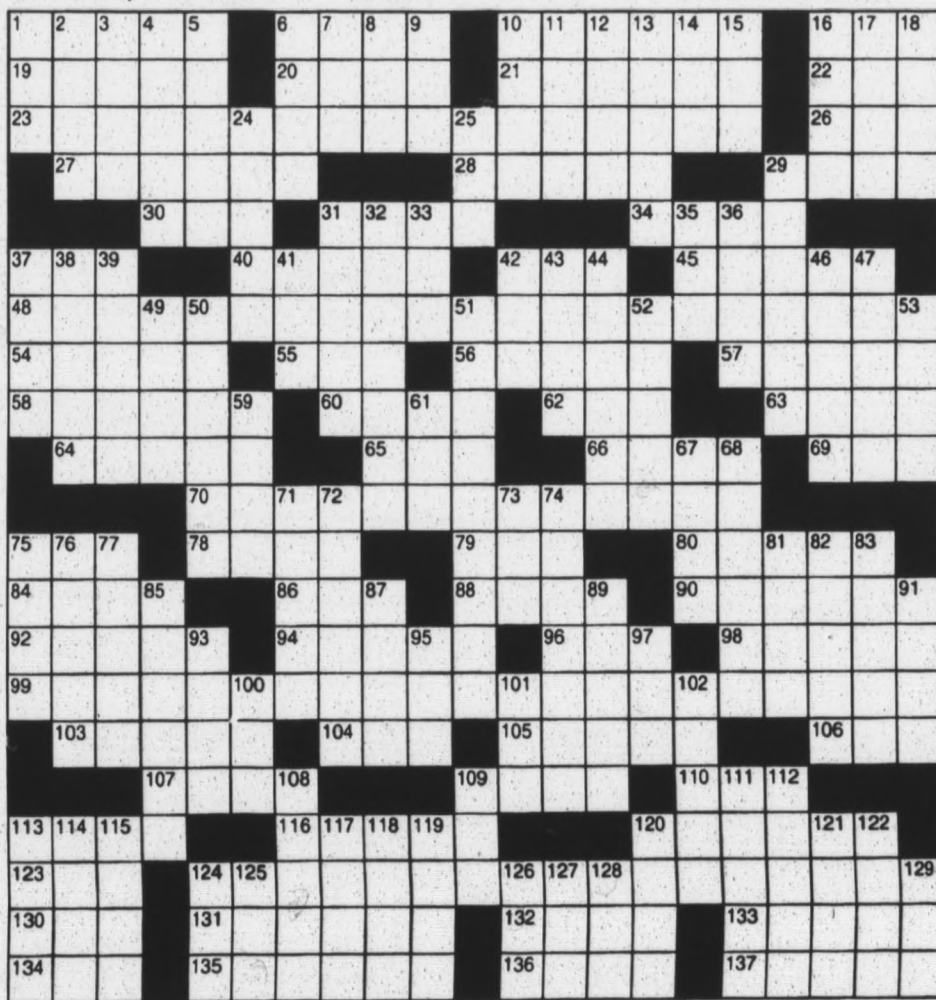
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- 90 Secluded
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- 94 "Psycho" setting
- 96 Opening
- 98 Annoyed
- 99 "A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM"
- 103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
- 104 Mineral spring
- 105 Bestow
- 106 Trigger-happy guy?
- 107 Notion
- 109 Clutter

- 110 Urban transport
- 113 Nutritional need
- 116 Fashionably nostalgic
- 120 Ready for dinner
- 123 Poetic preposition
- 124 "AN ANTIQUE TREASURE"
- 130 '75 Abba hit
- 131 Olympian
- 132 "The Seventh" ('56 film)
- 133 Tennis player
- 134 Big bang letters
- 135 Keys
- 136 Moon Mullins' brother
- 137 Imitation

- 9 Augsburg article
- 10 Kind of cheese
- 11 Zhivago's love
- 12 Smell — (be suspicious)
- 13 Summarize
- 14 Architect's add-on
- 15 Salon supply
- 16 "Mein —" ('Cabaret' tune)
- 17 Sutherland solo
- 18 Tramp's tootsie
- 24 The Brainy Bunch?
- 25 "Doubtfire" ('93 film)
- 29 Skunk in "Bambi" story?
- 32 Andy Griffith series
- 33 Yoko —
- 35 Supper scrap
- 36 Mississippi senator
- 37 Exchange
- 38 Start the slaw
- 39 Helicopter part
- 41 Tiny colonist

- 42 Browning's bedtime?
- 43 Iran's Abolhassan — Sadr
- 44 German port
- 46 Prongs
- 47 Optical device
- 49 Hispanic money
- 50 Watch keepers?
- 51 In an engaging manner
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- 59 Tennis legend
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- 83 Pool person
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- 89 Praises
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- 102 Nerd
- 108 Soviet cooperative
- 109 Trim the turf
- 111 Genie
- 112 — throat
- 113 Enthusiasm
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- 115 Heron's home
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- 118 Slope
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- 126 Say please
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- 128 Aye opponent
- 129 Actress Susan



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Indy's Music Channel Schedule

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TIME	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
12:00-5:00AM	Indy's Music Channel						
6:00AM	IMC						World Of Shop
6:30AM	Kingdom Builders						Home Shopper
7:00AM	Harding St. Church	Wake Up Y'all					Direct Shopping
7:30AM	St. Lukes Church						Shop Showcase
8:00AM	Mt. Zion						The Amos Brown Show
8:30AM	Prophet 3H						
9:00AM	The Word & More	Mornings on IMC with Kenny J					Living for the City
9:30AM	Rock Community						AM Black Forum
10:00AM	Revival Temple	Amos Brown Show				R.O.A.R. Recorder On Air Report	Indy's Music Channel
10:30AM	Friendship Mission						
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2:30PM	Shop Showcase						
3:00PM	R.O.A.R. Recorder On Air Report						Indy's Music Channel
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4:00PM	Prophet 3H	The Rock Block					
4:30PM	Direct Shopping						
5:00PM	Gtr. One Way						
5:30PM	The Word & More						
6:00PM	Friendship Mission	IMC Instant Access with Deacon					
6:30PM	Prophet 3H						
7:00PM	Revival Temple						
7:30PM	Direct Shopping						Indy's Music Channel
8:00PM	Kingdom Builders						
8:30PM	Word & More	Hip Hop Rhythm & Vibes with DJ Wreck 1					
9:00PM	Search for Truth						
9:30PM	Rock Church						
10:00PM	Revival Temple						
10:30PM	Harding St. Church	Indy's Music Channel					
11:00PM	Mt. Zion						
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PARENTING TIPS FROM THE DESK OF JADA

Choosing child care From KidsHealth.org

Choosing appropriate child care for your infant or young child can seem as overwhelming as helping your teen-ager select a college or university.



As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is safe and happy in a child care environment that is fun, educational, and nurturing. Read on to learn how to go about making such an important decision.

Your child and family

About 70 percent of parents place their young children in some type of daily care. Whether you choose in-home or center-based care, a preschool, or someone else's home for your child's daily care setting, there are specific guidelines you should follow to be sure that your child is receiving quality, professional care suited to his developmental needs.

Most important in determining the type of care your child needs is to know your own child—his temperament, likes and dislikes, health, interests, and behavior. For an infant under 1 year of age, you need to give careful attention to your child's need to be nurtured and held, any special health needs, and the type of person you want to care for your child during the first year of his life.

For an older child, his developing play and learning styles, interaction with other children, intellectual curiosity, and need for individualized attention should be considered.

The family's own values and emotional needs should also help to determine the kind of care they choose for their child, says Jennifer Shroff Pendley, PhD, a clinical psychologist. "Choosing child care depends on the comfort level of the family and their type of child. Some parents are overly anxious about leaving their very young child with one person. Others prefer individual care. But by age 3 or 4, it is good for the child to have at least some exposure to other kids and participate in a structured program like preschool or day care." Before choosing a care setting, you should be aware of the options available and consider cost, location, and reputation.

What to look for

The first step you should take is to make a list of qualities you're looking for in a caregiver or day care, such as experience, religious background, discipline beliefs, and flexibility. Also consider any religious or cultural beliefs that you wish a caregiver to impart to your child. The International Nanny Association (INA) recommends that you interview any prospective hire at least twice and that you conduct a criminal background check, which is usually done by most placement agencies.

Approximately 5 percent of the nannies applying for positions have criminal conviction records, reports the INA. "Undesirable care providers tend to gravitate toward positions offered through newspaper advertisements or to agencies who do not include background investigations, but no combination of checks is completely fail-safe, and parents should remain vigilant when it comes to their children's care," the INA advises.

The Dependent Care Connection, a Connecticut agency that coordinates in-home child care, also advises that "if none of the candidates appear to offer what you are looking for, don't pick the best of the worst. Instead, review your job requirements, make any necessary adjustments, and begin your search again, wiser from the experience."

Officer James Davis memorial



Butler University police ride in the funeral procession honoring Officer James L. Davis, who died in the line of duty, at the university.



Sajda Wadud, director of Touba Preparatory School, speaks with her students who knew Davis. The officer used to speak to the children at the school. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Moving on up



Melvin Carraway, superintendent of the Indiana State Police Department, presents Charity Hurst with her promotion to personnel officer for the department in recognition for integrity, service and professionalism. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Celebrating 54 years



John and Irene Hurst drink a toast to 54 years of marriage at a dinner in honor of the couple and their anniversary. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Classic Parade moments



Parade watchers stand on the corner of Pennsylvania and North streets to watch the American Family Insurance Classic Parade in downtown Indianapolis. Thousands of Indianapolis residents and visitors from out of town withstood the cold, damp weather to watch the 21st annual parade.



Arthur and Ronald McDonald were a few of the large balloons featured in the parade.



Sheriff Frank Anderson stands with Yolanda Adams who served as the grand marshal in the parade.



Pacers mascot Boomer greets Bill Mays, president of Mays Chemical Co. and publisher of The Indianapolis Recorder as he rides in the parade with his great-niece Jada Benedict and granddaughter Ashley Spurlock.



The Black Cowboys demonstrate their horseriding skills in the parade.



The Arlington High School band trumpet players blow their horns as they march down the streets.



The Arlington majorettes strut their stuff for the crowd.

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Financial freedom

By MICHAEL G. SHINN
For The Recorder



Most Americans dream of financial freedom and of being able to break the shackles of a lifelong job. Many will talk

about their dreams, some will even play the lottery and a precious few will make the sustained effort it takes to earn their freedom.

Why is it, that only about 5 percent of the population will ever be financially free? Unfortunately, in our society, most people have been programmed since birth, to grow up, get a good education, find a good job and then work hard for the man! There is nothing wrong with this program and it will probably lead to a comfortable life, but it will not lead to financial freedom.

Financial freedom is having sufficient income for family financial needs and goals from a source or sources other than paid employment. It means not having to work a 9 to 5 job unless you choose to do so. It means that you have clearly identified your goals and have developed and funded a strategy to achieve them.

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Financial freedom is different for every family, since their circumstances and goals are different. There is no category that identifies a family as "financially free," since it is an experience of freedom at the psychological level.

In the book, *The Millionaire Next Door*, the authors outline seven common factors of American households with a net worth of over \$1 million. Typically they are business owners, only married once and are compulsive savers and investors. The seven common factors of the affluent are:

- Live well below their means.
- Build wealth by efficiently allocating their time, energy and money.
- Believe that financial freedom is more important than high social status.
- Did not inherit their wealth.
- Their children are economically self-sufficient.
- Proficient in targeting market opportunities.
- Own a business.

Achieving financial freedom is not easy and requires discipline, sacrifice and hard work. On the other hand, working a lifelong 9 to 5 job, being saddled with crippling debt and not achieving your financial goals is not easy either.

The journey to financial freedom begins with the first step. It begins with understanding financial principles, creating a vision, developing family goals and relentless execution.

First, buy and read the book *The Millionaire Next Door*, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. It is well-written and a comprehensive study on why and how families achieve affluence.

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Shari Finnell new editor-in-chief of Indianapolis Woman

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Shari Finnell says that she and Indianapolis Woman are a great match.

A journalism veteran of 20 years, Finnell, 42, will begin a new journey as editor-in-chief of Indianapolis Woman taking over the reigns of Casey Kenley, who resigned to become communications manager for the Hoosier Lottery.

Finnell, a mother of two (Alena, 5, and Andrew, 7) and a wife of 14 years describes her new job as great, but busy.

"I think one of the challenges I will face is making sure I am getting the voices of women from all walks of life in the magazine," she said. "One of the missions of the magazine is to educate and enlighten women and I think we can all learn from each other no matter what our experiences are. I want to make sure that there are a broad range of experiences in the magazine."

The first look Indianapolis women will have of Finnell's finesse as editor will be in the October issue of the magazine. Inside readers will find special sections on domestic violence and homebuilding, and an inspirational feature on four women funeral directors.

A graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Finnell first landed in Indianapolis in November 1984 after getting a job with United Press International.

She then went on to work as a writer and editor for the then



Shari Finnell was recently named editor-in-chief of Indianapolis Woman. She has worked as a writer and editor for the Indianapolis News and Star as well as freelanced for the Indianapolis Business Journal.

Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Star, and was former editor of another Weiss Communication publication called Where Indianapolis, tourist guide to those visiting the city.

But up until high school in Gary, Ind., where Finnell was born

and raised, she wanted to be an artist.

"There was a high school teacher who pulled me aside and told me that I was going to work on the newspaper and basically

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SBC investment delivers faster connections and increased reliability

SBC recently completed a series of investments that delivers an all-digital telecommunications network to every residence and business the company serves in Indiana. The conversion from analog to digital switching makes faster voice and Internet connections possible, expands the availability of enhanced digital services and improves the overall communications experience for many Hoosiers.

"These switches are the backbone of our telecommunications network," said George S. Fleetwood, president SBC Indiana. "We have made significant investments to enhance the performance and reliability of our network infrastructure and we plan to continue

to invest so that Hoosiers view SBC as the provider of choice in Indiana."

SBC has upgraded switching in 14 central offices throughout the state over the last four years. In total, SBC Indiana invested more than \$93 million to create an all-digital network and finished well ahead of the Dec. 31, 2005, date the company committed to as part of a regulatory agreement. The move from analog to digital switching has decreased network congestion which has allowed for more reliable Internet connections, faster voice connection and improved dial tone speeds.

"We are pleased that SBC completed this investment in its Indiana infrastructure," said Anne E. Becker, Indiana's Utility Consumer Counselor. "Commitments like this and the new broadband expansion promise, ensure that Hoosiers and our economy continue to benefit while SBC adapts to a changing telecommunications market."

Between July 2001 and June 2004, SBC invested more than \$700 million across its Indiana service territory for DSL expansion, network enhancements and network capacity maintenance. The company's investment in technology upgrades has enabled SBC to offer advanced services to more Hoosiers and extend SBC Yahoo! DSL to more than 71 percent of customers in SBC's Indiana service territory.

State revenue reported above forecast by \$44.5 million

Special to The Recorder

Indiana took in \$12.6 million, or 1.2 percent, more than projected in September to put Indiana \$44.5 million ahead of forecast for the first

quarter of fiscal year 2005, according to State Budget Director Marilyn Schultz.

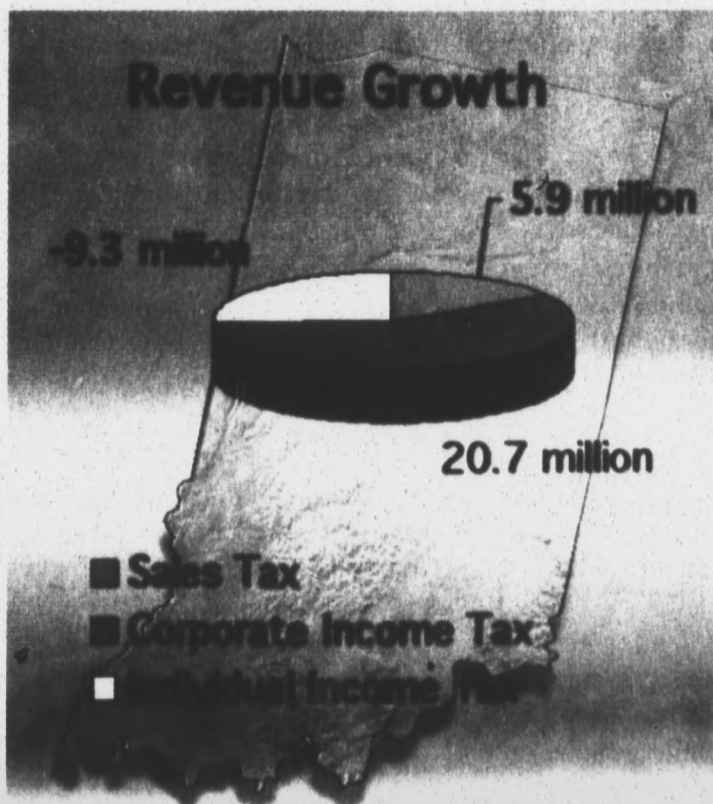
The projections are based on January's revised revenue forecast for fiscal year 2005.

"The past several months of steady revenue growth are certainly a good sign that our economy is continuing to recover from this national recession," Gov. Joe Kernan said. "We will remain focused on attracting new business investment and helping our Indiana companies grow and create new jobs for Hoosiers. It's that type of investment that will be key to seeing this trend continue."

Of the "big three" revenue streams, both sales tax and corporate income tax came in above forecast for September, by \$5.9 million and \$20.7 million respectively. Individual income tax revenue was down for the month by 2.3 percent, or \$9.3 million.

Gaming revenue also was above forecast in September by \$2.3 million.

Compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2004, Indiana was 6.3 percent, or \$157.6 million ahead in revenue. Schultz also pointed out that Indiana has achieved three straight quarters of year-over-year growth in sales tax revenue, with seven of the nine months exceeding 5 percent growth.



Black Business Profile

Full name of business:
Worldwide Filters, LLC

Address:
754 N. Sherman Dr.,
Suite 213, Indianapolis,
IN 46201

Phone:
(317) 808-3719

Year opened:
May 2004

Owner:
Frank Codozor

Number of paid employees:
4



Frank Codozor

Products/services:

Worldwide Filters provides a whole range of filtration products - everything from everyday furnace filters to highly specialized Hepa filters which are used in clean rooms and hospitals. In addition to air filters, we provide oil and hydraulic filters and water filtration products. We view ourselves as an integrator - we try to provide all the filtration products that a company is currently buying from multiple buyers and by consolidating that filtration purchasing we can provide significant savings. We are an independent distributor and not tied to anyone manufacturer. As a result we can provide the right filter at the right price to our customers.

Significant business advances/achievements:

We have received our MBE certifications from the state of Indiana and the IRMSDC and are awaiting word from the City of Indianapolis. We have launched our Web site (www.worldwidefilters.com) and have been quite pleased with the sales that it has generated. September will be our best month yet; we think we will generate over \$30k in sales. We plan on continuing to make our sales calls. Everywhere you look there are filters being used; we just need to make sure that we win our piece of the market and everything will be OK.

Future goals:

We would like to win a couple large industrial contracts, secure some universities, schools and hospitals. We want to have a healthy mix of business so we do not become too dependent on anyone industry or customer. We really want to see the Web site take off. The Web site is mostly geared to the residential customer at the moment. There are a lot of people out there who are not regularly changing their furnace filters and who are not using good filters and as a result they have poor indoor air quality. Going forward this is going to be an important issue for both homeowners and commercial building owners; good filtration can make for a healthy work and home environment. Finally, we are also working on our GSA contract to help us win some federal government contracts. We are also looking into possibly providing filter change-out services.

Why did you start this business and how has it grown?

I started this business because I felt that there was a large opportunity to do business with the government and related institutions like universities, schools and hospitals. I am a disabled veteran (I fought in the first Gulf War) and there is a big push, especially within the Department of Defense to award contracts to disabled veterans.

What were some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?

Starting up a business is always hard and there are always the proverbial obstacles to overcome - securing vendors, securing terms, getting a line of credit from the bank. We just put our nose to the grindstone and pushed through. We've been in business for roughly five months now and I think most of these little problems are behind us. Now we just have to win sales. We are still working on getting our bidding process down. We lost several large bids by very small amounts - one bid we lost by \$25, that was a real heartbreaker. I think we are finally getting a good sense where we need to come in depending on what type of business it is.

Who does your business best serve and why?

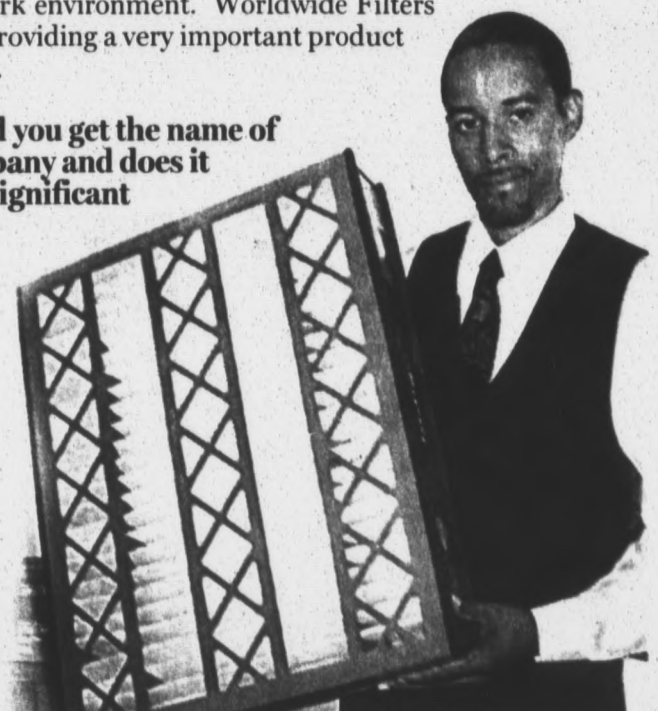
As I said filters are everywhere - at home you have a furnace filter, maybe an ice filter on your refrigerator and then a water filter under your sink. Factories have air handling filters, hydraulic and oil filters. Our goal is to capture as much of the residential, industrial and government market as we can. We aim to give our customers the best product we can deliver at the best price.

How has your experience helped meet the needs of your clients?

I've worked in the filter industry for the last five years and I think the knowledge I have gained lets me really help customers get the best filtration product for the best price. I am customer focused and really want to help the customer get it right. Proper filtration can save on maintenance, can save on energy costs and can help create a better work environment. Worldwide Filters sees itself providing a very important product and service.

Where did you get the name of your company and does it have any significant meaning?

There is no good story behind our name.



Frank Codozor, owner of Worldwide Filters LLC., displays a high efficiency home filter that assists with controlling allergies, capturing pet hair out of the air and improving air quality in the home. (Photo/E. Thompson)

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Counterfeit software offers in e-mail

From Better Business Bureau

Consumers in the Indianapolis area are always looking for good deals on computer software. But they can be cheated when purchasing from Web sites that offer deals at unbelievably low prices.

E-mail advertisements and spam for popular software are flooding e-mail inboxes nationwide. But the Business Software Alliance warns that many of these offers are for counterfeit software. Counterfeiters, using sophisticated methods, are creating software that looks nearly identical to the real thing.

Here's how it works: Counterfeiters buy or steal legitimate software and copy the package design, plastic wrapping and certificate of authenticity. Using expensive copiers, thousands of CDs are created. Web sites — mostly overseas — are set up which offer incredible deals. To direct potential customers to the Web site, millions of e-mail inboxes are spammed. The counterfeiters design the e-mails to look legitimate, even down to the return addresses.

Buyers may sometimes get working software, but more likely they will receive non-working products, or oftentimes nothing at all. And there is little recourse for consumers who are cheated.

Here are some BBB tips to help avoid purchasing pirated software:

- Be aware that, if you buy pirated software, you can't know what you will be getting. The programs will sometimes have viruses or Trojan Horse "back door" programs that later allow entry into your computer system. These can be used to automatically harvest information from any computer system running the Trojan Horse. This is a classic way to take over machines and steal credit card information or someone's identity or to use the machine to perpetrate credit card theft or to generate more spam.

- Be wary of compilations of software titles from different publishers on a single disk or CD. Investigate the company selling the software with the BBB first.

- Be suspicious of software products that do not include proof of authenticity, including original disks, manuals, licensing, warranties, etc.

- Keep in mind that too-good-to-be-true prices are usually just that. If you see a \$300 software package selling for \$20, it is a safe bet that the software is not legitimate.

You can check out thousands of companies in advance by visiting the Web site, www.indybbb.org, or by calling to get reports 24 hours a day at (317) 488-2222. If you have been cheated, file a complaint with BBB online or write: BBB, Victoria Centre, 22 E. Washington St., #200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

FREEDOM

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- Create a vision of your family as financially free. A vision is a clear mental picture of what you see in the future.

- Develop a set of family financial goals to achieve your vision. All family members must mutually agree on the goals that are established. There is little likelihood of success, if the family members are not working together.

- Develop and implement a strategy to achieve each of the key financial goals.

- Establish a financial lifestyle below your means and save and invest as much as possible.

- Monitor progress by keeping a monthly income and expense report and a semiannual family balance sheet.

- Semiannually review progress towards the key goals.

Begin the process of creating your vision of financial freedom. If you are willing to devote the time, energy and resources, you can begin building wealth and take your family on the journey to financial freedom.

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State food handler rule begins in January

Special to The Recorder

State health officials said that beginning Jan. 1, 2005, food establishments in Indiana will be required to have at least one certified food handler on staff who has oversight of food safety aspects of the operation.

A certified food handler is not required to be present at the food establishment during all hours of operation.

Scott Gilliam, manager, Food Protection Division at the State Department of Health, said, "The Indiana State Department of Health supports the new requirement because the information needed to become a certified food handler will bring a new level of knowledge to the food industry in the

state," Gilliam said. "The hope is that Indiana will see reduced incidences of foodborne illness outbreaks in the future."

State health officials report 67 foodborne outbreaks occurred in Indiana over the five-year period of 1999 to 2003. A foodborne outbreak is an incident that is traceable to the ingestion of a contaminated food in which two or more persons have the same disease or clinical symptoms and there is a time, place, or person association among these people.

The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation in 2001 to create the certified food handler requirement, and provided a four-year grace period to allow the industry to develop the training and examination infrastructure.

"Individuals must only pass an

accredited test to become a certified food handler," said Gilliam. "Training is not required, but it can improve the likelihood that a person will pass the test."

The new law provides exemptions for assisted and residential care facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and public/private community mental health centers. There are also exemptions in the law for lower-risk food operations, which are based upon the menu.

State health officials report that more than 20,000 Indiana food establishments will still be required to comply with the law. Local health departments will be primarily responsible for overseeing compliance to the new law. Possible penalties for noncompliance could include fines of up to \$100 per day.

U.S. offers Internet downloads of \$50 bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government will offer over the Internet low-quality images of its new \$50 bill for artists, students and others who discover that their computers, scanners or printers won't allow them to view or copy pictures of the new currency.

Uncle Sam is making sure that computers won't cooperate with would-be counterfeiters — even as it tries to accommodate consumers who legitimately want or need images of the currency.

The government said it also will consider individual requests for higher-quality images — such as might be used in commercial art projects.

The low-quality images, suitable for school projects and other uses, will be available free at www.moneyfactory.com, a Web site run by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The new \$50 bill was introduced last week.

"There is no limit on the ways that people may use images of currency. What we don't want is people whipping currency out of their pockets and making copies," said Eugenie Foster, cash project leader in the Federal Reserve Board's division of reserve bank operations and payment

systems.

Making these digital copies is getting harder, thanks to secretive anti-counterfeiting technology built into some popular consumer hardware and software products at the request of government regulators and international bankers.

The technology detects and blocks attempts to view, scan or print copies of the redesigned \$20 and \$50 bills and, in a pop-up window, urges consumers to visit a Web site, www.rulesforuse.org, to learn about international counterfeit laws.

The technology, known as the Counterfeit Deterrence System, was designed by a consortium of 27 central banks in the United States, England, Japan, Canada and across the European Union, the Central Bank Counterfeit Deterrence Group.

Its broad adoption represents one of the rare occasions when the U.S. technology industry has quietly agreed to requests by government and finance officials to include third-party software code in commercial products. Most companies have never publicly revealed to customers they include such counterfeit protections in products.

Precisely how the technology works is a mystery. The U.S. government keeps its inner workings a closely guarded secret, arguing that disclosing too much infor-

Anheuser-Busch to debut souped-up beer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In an effort to revive flattening sales and attract new drinkers, Anheuser-Busch is unveiling a new concoction — a fruity-smelling beer, spiked with caffeine, guarana and ginseng.

The world's largest brewer said this week its planned offering — pronounced B-to-the-E, with the "E" denoting something "extra" and shown as an exponent of B — should appeal to 20-something consumers looking for something zippy in their highly social, fast-paced lifestyles.

The St. Louis-based brewer said the new "beer" — pending governmental approval — should debut in November against the backdrop of the company's existing line of Bacardi liquor-branded flavored malt beverages — or malternatives. The drink also faces competition from the ever-increasing line of alcohol-free energy drinks, such as Red Bull, often used as mixers in clubs.

Anheuser-Busch said each can of the B-to-the-E beverage would pack 22.5 carbs, along with 6.6 percent alcohol by volume, 54 milligrams of caffeine and 203 calories. By comparison, Anheuser-Busch's Bacardi Silver Low-Carb Black Cherry has 2.6 grams of carbs and 96 calories per 12-ounce serving.

IMPORTANT

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) invites you to a Pedestrian Plan Open House on Wednesday, October 20th at the Artsgarden, downtown Indianapolis.

If you would like walking eventually to become part of our long range regional transportation system, come discuss pedestrian/transit system integration, walk-to-school buffer zones, and more. Exhibits and planners will be available from 5:30 to 8 PM, and an informative presentation is scheduled at 6 and 7 PM.

Review Marion County's DRAFT Pedestrian Route System at indygov.org/indympo (click "Current Studies"). Then, come and be heard at the Artsgarden, October 20th!

For more information on transportation planning, call (317) 488-2222 or visit www.indygov.org/indympo.



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FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

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This Saturday, October 9th, marks the start of 100 Black Men of Indianapolis' annual financial literacy program. Our goals are to engage African-American high school students in the field of finance through a weekend financial literacy education program and encourage the students to pursue education at a college or university. The program targets African-American youth during their Junior and Senior years in high school. Through a combination of education and financial incentives, the students will participate in an intensive weekend forum over the course of 15 weeks that will culminate in an investment competition and awarding of scholarships.

The initial 10 week coursework will comprise topics related to business finance. The material is designed to introduce students to topics that are challenging yet reachable. Examples of topics include budgeting, financial planning, writing a business plan, ethics, financial statement analysis and more. Committed students will be rewarded for their effort and develop a desire to pursue these topics in a higher education environment.

The last 5 weeks will comprise investment and portfolio management topics. These will include investment valuation, company research and portfolio management. Teams will be created for purposes of choosing an investment portfolio. The portfolio will be established and monitored over a period of 10 weeks. At the end of the 10 weeks, the students will prepare a formal presentation and appear before a panel of judges.

This program will meet Saturdays from 9-11:30 at Good Hall, on the campus of The University of Indianapolis. Good Hall is located just south of the intersection of Hanna and Otterbein.

If you are an intelligent, motivated Junior or Senior interested in learning about the field of finance, selecting a stock portfolio and competing for college scholarships, we'd love to see you this Saturday morning.

Contact Jon Ware (317) 250-7103 or for more information.

she didn't give me a choice," she said. "I liked writing but most of my writing had been creative writing. I did a little work on the school newspaper and that's where I fell in love with writing. Going around getting people to talk to you was really cool to me."

Mary Weiss, president/CEO and publisher of Indianapolis Woman, says the magazine is fortunate to have someone who has the experience, education, knowledge of the city, and the understanding of the goals and mission of the company.

"She also has a fabulous heart," she said. "Shari has been a part of our organization and when the opportunity came up to hire a new editor-in-chief she was the best choice."

After years of working in the world of journalism and writing countless articles on government and politics as well as stories on everyday people with heartening stories to tell, Finnell often remembers the advice given to her by her father.

"When I first started working he told me 'don't ever think any job is beneath you,'" she said.

Finnell continued, "One of the first jobs I had the summer before I went to college was working at a publishing company and one of the things I did was rolling maps," she said. "It was monotonous but I just remembered what my father said. I think that helps me to appreciate each person that I write about, that each person has value."

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ADOPTION

Michael P. Bishop, Atty
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
In the Matter of the Adoption of
Michael Warren France
NOTICE TO NAMED FATHER
CAUSE NO.
49D08-0405-AD-594
Stephen Berliner, who has been named the father of the child born to Stephanie R. France, on October 14, 1998, is notified that a Petition for Adoption of this child was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If Stephen Berliner wishes to contest the adoption of the child he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10.1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If Stephen Berliner does not file a motion to contest the adoption, or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, or after filing a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 fails to establish paternity, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under I.C. 31-14.

Nothing Stephanie R. France or anyone else says to Stephen Berliner relieves Stephen Berliner of his obligations under this notice. Under Indiana law a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For the purposes of this notice Stephen Berliner is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption. This notice complies with I.C. 31-19-4.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the adoption statutes. Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 10/10/04 3TP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Adoption of
Dennis Wood, III and Holly Wood
By: Jennifer Wood,
Petitioner.

NOTICE TO BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER
CAUSE NO.
49D08-0405-AD-578
The biological mother of Dennis Wood, III, Kelly Rae Wood, is notified that as stipulated petition for adoption of Dennis Wood, III and Holly Wood born to Kelly Wood and Dennis Wood, III, has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County, Probate Division, City-County Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption is not required because Holly Wood and Dennis Wood, III have been abandoned by Kelly Wood under I.C. 31-19-9.8.

If Kelly Rae Wood seeks to contest the adoption of Dennis Wood, III and Holly Wood, she must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10.1 in the above-named court within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Kelly Rae Wood does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine under the petition for adoption. Kelly Wood's consent will be irrevocably implied and Kelly Wood will lose her right to contest either the adoption or the validity of her implied consent to the adoption. No oral statement made to Kelly Wood relieves Kelly Wood's obligation under this notice. This notice complies with I.C. 31-19-4.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes. Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 9/24/04 3TP

BOARD OF SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BID
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **Root Ceiling Repair - Storm Damage at IPS Emma Donnan Middle School No. 72** will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

Terms and conditions of bidding and contracting are included in the Bid Specifications which may be obtained for examination at the following location:
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BOARD OF SCHOOLS

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There will be a pre-bid meeting held at Riverside Elementary School #44, 20333 Sugar Grove Avenue on October 26, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Terms and conditions of bidding and contracting are included in the Bid Specifications which may be obtained for examination at the following location:
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THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
RODNEY M. BLACK,
Business Manager 10/8/04 2T

NOTICE TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **Commercial Kitchen Renovation in Meridian Hall at IPS Arsenal Technical High School # CTC** will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **Gym Bleacher Replacement at IPS John Marshall Middle School** will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

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NOTICE TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **Boiler & Air Handling Unit Replacement at IPS Emma Donnan Middle School No. 72** will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Leslie W. Brooman,
Plaintiff
-v-
Nancy J. Brooman,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D07-0409-DR-1621

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are UNKNOWN and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown **Nancy J. Brooman.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 9/24/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Marquell L. Dugan,
Plaintiff
-v-
Timothy J. DeWitte,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
92-94-1552

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If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing by you or your attorney on or before the 8th day of October (the same being within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit) and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 9/24/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Barbara J. (Whittington) Burdine,
Plaintiff
-v-
Barbara J. (Whittington) Burdine,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D02-0409-DR-1665

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If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 10/1/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Ignacio Evaris Godinez,
Plaintiff
-v-
Ivonne Herrera Martinez,
Respondent
CAUSE NO.
49D08-0407-DR-1291

AMENDED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
Petitioner, Ignacio Evaris Godinez, swears and affirms that:

1. Petitioner, Ignacio Evaris Godinez has been a resident of the State of Indiana for more than six months and a resident of Marion County for more than three months.

2. Petitioner and respondent were married on December 5, 1981 and separated on June 1999.

3. There has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.

4. There were two children born of this marriage: Ignacio Abraham Herrera (DOB September 19, 1984) and Alejandro Evaris Herrera (DOB August 17, 1988).

5. That Respondent is not pregnant.

6. There were certain property and obligations accumulated during the marriage which may require disposition by the Court.

Wherefore, the Petitioner Ignacio Evaris Godinez, prays the Court to dissolve this marriage, for an equitable division of property and for all other proper relief in the premises.

Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 10/1/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
David Lynn Dale,
Plaintiff
-v-
Hermilio Martinez-Lavariega,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D04-0409-DR-1772

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Christal L. Jones,
Plaintiff
-v-
David Lynn Dale,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D13-0409-DR-1778

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

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Dons Anne Sadler, Clerk 9/24/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Beth A. Sitter,
Plaintiff
-v-
Allan W. Sitter,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D10-0409-DR-1667

NOTICE OF SUIT
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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
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COUNTY OF MARION, ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
In Re the Marriage of
Ignacio Evaris Godinez,
Plaintiff
-v-
Ivonne Herrera Martinez,
Respondent
CAUSE NO.
49D08-0407-DR-1291

AMENDED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
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2. Petitioner and respondent were married on December 5, 1981 and separated on June 1999.

3. There has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.

4. There were two children born of this marriage: Ignacio Abraham Herrera (DOB September 19, 1984) and Alejandro Evaris Herrera (DOB August 17, 1988).

5. That Respondent is not pregnant.

6. There were certain property and obligations accumulated during the marriage which may require disposition by the Court.

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

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STATE OF INDIANA
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
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-v-
David Lynn Dale,
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
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In Re the Marriage

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COLTS

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The Colts initial four games were one of the league's toughest starting schedules, with three of the first four on the road; one against the defending Super Bowl champions and the other two against their leading division rivals.

Their only home game of the first quarter turned out to be semi neutral, with almost as many Green Bay Packers fans as Colts in attendance. A record of .500 or below, while unlikely, was very much a possibility.

Instead, the Colts not only survived a brutal opening stretch, they end the quarter once again atop the AFC South.

Sunday's 24-17 victory in Jacksonville against a very game Jaguars team ensures the Colts an inside track on the division crown, with two tough division road victories under their belt.

Four of the Colts next five games are in the friendly confines of the RCA Dome, with the one road match-up against a struggling Kansas City Chiefs squad the Colts demolished during last year's playoffs. The Colts bye week is sandwiched between two home games, the latter being a rematch with the Jaguars.

Sitting a pretty 3-1, on paper the Colts look to be coasting into contention as a favorite to challenge at least for the AFC crown. But that is exactly what worries head coach Tony Dungy.

"There is a natural tendency to say that we've been through the tough part and we kind of made it through OK, now we've got home games and a bye, then another home game, so we've hit a place where you can relax," Dungy said. "But when you do that, that's when you get tripped up. We've got to have more attention to detail, more energy in practice and more focus."

"We've gone through a very tough part of the schedule, but if we don't make some hay in these home games then it will all be for naught," Dungy added.

Offensively, what is left to say about a unit that is loaded with weapons that have yet to be contained, even among the league's more quality defenses. The Colts scored more than any other Jacksonville opponent thus far, and with the Jags focusing on Peyton Manning's main targets, the reigning co-MVP found other reliable tools at his disposal.

Manning, like Dungy is cautiously optimistic about the team's first quarter.

"Coach Dungy always talks about division games counting double," said

Manning, who started his 100th consecutive game Sunday. "Jacksonville had a chance to take an outright lead, but we were able to get this big win on the road. After the first quarter of the season, 4-0 was our goal, but 3-1, we'll definitely take it."

On the defensive end, the Colts effort remains enigmatic. The Colts rank dead last in the league in total yards allowed, and at times their very young secondary looks exactly that. This week, it was QB Byron Leftwich's turn to look like a superstar, racking up 318 yards and a touchdown on over 40 attempts.

What's worse, the Colts front four was only able to amass a single sack, adding fire to the notion the Colts are too undersized up front to handle bigger offensive linemen.

However, in each game this season, it has been the Colts defense that has changed a game's outlook, either through end-zone interceptions, fourth quarter forced fumbles or by shutting teams down on fourth and short, as they did late Sunday.

According to Dungy, the team's defensive output this season has been both disappointing and encouraging.

"Holding guys down and making the critical plays when you have to. That's what our defense has done the first month" he said. "We've got to get a little more consistent, but I feel good about this team's ability to make those big plays."

Moving into the second quarter, the Colts must continue to learn as they go, in hopes of correcting their maddeningly odd defensive effort. The team gets its first taste of the AFC West this weekend, as the 2-2 Oakland Raiders descend on Indianapolis this Sunday afternoon. The Raiders have been dealt key losses early, most notably former MVP quarterback Rich Gannon is sidelined for at least five more weeks with a neck injury.

Despite Gannon's absence, Oakland cannot be underestimated. A home loss to the Raiders would be an alarming way to begin quarter number two, given how the Colts are entering this Sunday's action.

Three wins and a close loss after four might sound good for now, but 4-1 entering a bye week could do even more for a Colts team that believes it is finding that championship mix.

PACERS

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them to, every home game we have, definitely come on out," he said. "And if I was a Pacers fan in other cities, I would definitely tell them to check the schedule and see when Indiana comes to town."

Miller said that although he knows he has two years left on his contract he's going to let his body do the talking.

"I wouldn't have put my body through what I did this summer not to come back and win it all," he said.

Every player on the Pacers roster has the same mindset going into the season. They want to win a championship, even more so for Miller.

"He's mentioned to me for the first time since I've been here that it will probably be his last year," said Pacer forward Jermaine O'Neal. "I can't think of a better way to send him away than on a championship run, not just getting there but winning it for him."

During the offseason there was a lot of talk that Ron Artest wouldn't be back to join the team for their championship run but he is and he's focused.

"I knew I'd be here. Maybe if it were Shaq, Garnett, Kobe or Tracy then maybe it would have been a good trade. But other than that there really aren't

any good trades around," he said. "It's a new season though and we're trying to get a ring."

When asked about all of the hoopla surrounding Artest being traded Bird says he's happy he's still in Indiana.

"Ron is a very valuable player for us," he said. "When you start talking about trading one of your best players it's very tough. But it didn't happen and Ron is here and we're glad to have him."

Although the Pacers did not trade Artest they did send Al Harrington to Atlanta for Stephen Jackson. A player they believe will fill the holes left after last season's playoff run. He believes so too.

"I'm willing to give all I have for this team," he said. "The little things that's not getting done to win the game that's what I'm going to do. Regardless of what it is I'm willing to do it."

With training camp already under way and the first game to be played Monday against the Washington Wizards, the Pacers are more focused than they've ever been and they are ready to win.

"We're looking forward to the challenge," said head coach Rick Carlisle. "We're looking forward to the pressure of playing when it counts."



Fever forward Tamika Catchings takes a swing at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course.



Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers watches as his ball nears the hole. The golf outing benefited the Pacer Foundation. (Photos/W. Thomas)

PLAYOFFS

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of sports and having the highest payroll in all of sports. The Cardinals boasted the league's best record with 105 wins, which carries with it the burden of proving that number actually meant something.

Although a 6th World Series matchup between these two teams is not impossible, the chances are slim. The Yankees have the absolute worst pitching rotation in the playoffs and despite the usual Yankee magic that somehow carries them farther than they should go, this team is not poised to win, or even make it to the Series.

The Cardinals, on the other hand, are looking good to make it all the way. Despite limping into the end of the season, the Redbirds have the best lineup in baseball and a deep pitching

rotation that will be able to handle their not-so-stellar starters' starts.

In their first series the Cardinals will beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in four games. They will then meet the Houston Astros who, after everyone thought they were out of the race, put on a second half surge that clinched the Wild Card spot on their last game of the season.

Although Houston has never won a postseason series; they are going up against the kings of playoff choking, the Atlanta Braves. Their histories will cancel each other out and in the end, the team with the best pitching, the Astros, will come out on top.

However their lack of depth will make it easy for the Cardinal's batters to beat up on tired pitching and St. Louis will beat Houston to advance to the Series. In the American League, the Red

Sox, although they have pitching problems of their own, have the advantage over the Angels in a short series and will prevail to make it to the second round where they will meet their arch rivals, the Yankees.

After struggling to beat the Twins in the first round, the Yankees will have nothing left but pure will and determination, which won't be enough to stop Boston.

In the World Series, a somewhat historically familiar matchup between the Cardinals and the Red Sox (the Cardinals beat the Sox two of the four times they've made it to the Series since their last win in 1918) will occur.

My final prediction is St. Louis, who after posting their second best record in franchise history will take home their 10th World Series win.



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The Bulldogs' dominating effort was highlighted by the performance of senior running back Coty Martin, who fueled the SCSU offense to the tune of a Classic-record and personal best 156 yards on 28 carries.

Martin's career game came at the right time for South Carolina State, as senior quarterback Brett Young left the game late in the first half with a separated shoulder. The game's offensive MVP, Martin and fellow backfield mate DeShawn Baker changed the complexion of the game through a rushing attack for which TSU was clearly unprepared.

"I felt like I needed to put the team on my shoulders," said Martin. "Not saying the other quarterbacks couldn't step up, but when (Young) went down, I just felt like I needed to do something special."

A twist of styles, the Bulldogs not only ran all over TSU, the defense held Tigers' All-America tailback Charles Anthony to a mere 57 yards, more than 100 off of his average.

And, with Young's status up in the air for their showdown at Norfolk State this weekend, Martin knows he is going to have to be



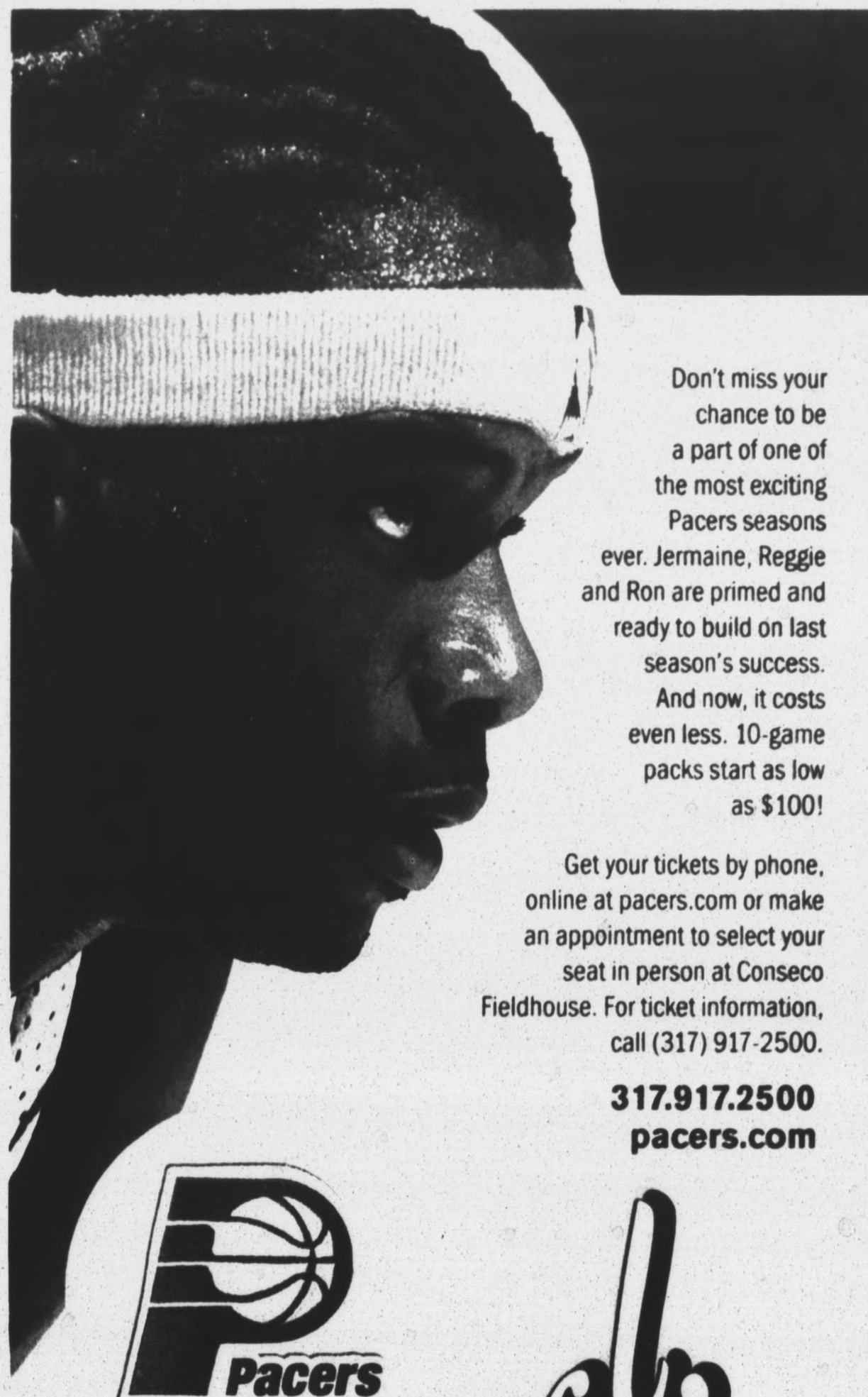
Bill Browning (left) area vice president of Coca-Cola presents the game trophy to South Carolina State University head coach Oliver Pough after his team defeated Tennessee State 30-13 at the Circle City Classic football game. (Photo/J. Hurst)

prepared to bring it as he did for the locals last weekend.

"I'm always up for every game, but everyone gets psyched for games like this," he said. "It lets us know we can work together as a team. We have to keep it going."

For the struggling Tigers, Saturday's rout is one the team will simply have to shake off if they

want to compete in the Ohio Valley Conference. The team has lost two straight after winning their first three of the season, and with an Ohio Valley Conference clash against conference-leader Jacksonville State looming, TSU may do well to forget the fact they could not get anything going on either side of the ball vs. the Bulldogs.



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During a recent visit to Mays Chemical Co (MCC) Lamon Brewster, the WBO champion discussed Black economic development with Bill Mays, president of MCC. Brewster is pictured above with Arthur L. Carter Sr., (top right) alongside Kristin Mays and (right) standing next to Matthew Murphy.



TARDY

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Tardy says he has no problem catching footballs instead of throwing them and Tiller likes what he sees.

"Desmond is already running past people," he said. "He's a great kid and he's going to be a great player at Purdue."

Tardy is gaining key experience with the Boiler-

makers especially after their 4-0 start this season.

He says that although he's having fun he's taken notice to the difference between high school and college football.

"It's a lot faster," he said. "The guys are bigger and they are more focused. But my plan is to work hard and to live up to my expectations."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Arlington's defensive back Reggie Fuqua (No. 24) denies Broad Ripple's wide receiver Jasmond Jones the pass. Arlington's defense held off the Rockets 42-14. (Photo/J. Hurst)

High school football schedule Oct. 8

All games played at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Home teams are in bold type

Northwest vs. Chatard

Arlington vs. Tech at 7:30 p.m.

Southport vs. Pike

Cathedral vs.

Gary Wallace at Tech

Broad Ripple vs. Washington

Ben Davis vs. Carmel

Warren Central vs.

North Central

Lawrence Central vs.

Bloomington South

Lawrence North vs.

Terre Haute South

at 6:15 at the RCA Dome

(1) Weekend Jamfest

11/06 Chicago
11/13 New York
11/20 Orlando
12/11 Sacramento
12/25 Detroit
01/22 Washington
01/29 Denver
02/13 Memphis
03/20 New Jersey
04/10 New York

(2) Fantastic Fridays

11/26 Charlotte
12/17 Toronto
01/14 Phoenix
02/04 Dallas
02/11 Houston
02/25 Cleveland
03/11 Golden State
03/18 L.A. Lakers
04/08 Washington
04/15 Philadelphia

(3) Wild Weeknights

11/10 L.A. Clippers
11/25 Minnesota
12/07 Milwaukee
12/27 New Orleans
02/02 Toronto
02/16 Portland
03/01 Seattle
03/23 San Antonio
03/31 Miami
04/13 New Jersey

(4) Weekday Siam Dunk

11/17 Atlanta
11/23 Boston
12/22 Philadelphia
01/04 Milwaukee
01/27 Detroit
02/09 Charlotte
02/23 Miami
03/16 Utah
04/06 Cleveland
04/20 Chicago

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Desmond Tardy

Mr. Football wears red shirt at Purdue

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

When the Purdue Boiler-maker football team ended a 30-year drought by beating Notre Dame at Notre Dame Stadium 41-16 on Saturday, Desmond Tardy was on the sideline.

He wasn't on the sideline sulking. In fact, he was standing on a bleacher cheering, giving his teammates high fives, and after the victory he threw his helmet up in the sky too.

Head coach Joe Tiller decided to redshirt Tardy for the season, which will allow him to learn the offense, learn to balance football and studying, and add on some much needed weight since the former Warren Central quarterback will be switching to wide receiver.

"I don't mind redshirting because it helps me get my priorities together," he said. "I'm learning the routes and it allows me the time to gain some experience for the transition from quarterback to receiver."

As a senior at Warren, Tardy completed 45 of 91 passes for 893 yards and 16 touchdowns with only two interceptions. More impressively, he rushed for 1,366 yards on 143 carries and 21 touchdowns. At Purdue he'll be in a different stat category.

Tardy is the ideal height for a wide receiver at 6 feet 1 inch but it'll be to his benefit if he adds on a little weight to his 180 pounds frame. Tiller says he's already gained seven.

"I'm working hard," said Tardy smiling at his weight gain. "I'm running drills and lifting (weights). I just have to make sure that as I add on muscle that I stay quick."

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Pacers head into training camp, preseason with one goal



Reggie Miller

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

You've seen the signs all over the city. This season, the Indiana Pacers have one goal.

After losing to the Detroit Pistons in six games during the Conference Finals, they are poised to make a longer, durable run at the title.

"Last year was the first time some of the guys advanced in the playoffs. Now they know that each level gets tougher," said Larry Bird, Pacer president of basketball operations. "They just have to dedicate their season to one another and when they get in those kinds of situations they'll be ready to go."

One of the most talked about situations surrounding the Pacers this season is the future of Reggie Miller. He dropped a few hints at a press conference during media day that this season may be his last.

"If I was a Pacer fan here in Indiana, I would definitely tell

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VICTORY OVER JAGS GIVES INDY LEG UP ON DIVISION

Colts end season's first quarter in championship mode

By BARATO BRITT
Recorder Correspondent

In the National Football League, the first four games of the regular season can define a team's prospects for post season play, or determine whether a team is in fact championship caliber.

It is during the first quarter that playoff-bound teams gain that initial level of confidence that fuels their belief this is their season.

By no means does first quarter success guarantee the big prize, rather it restores a team's faith in the system under which they trained vigorously in the preseason.

If the Indianapolis Colts first quarter performance is any indication, the team appears not only confident in their top ranked offense's ability to score, but also in their much maligned, but underrated defense's ability to make plays when they matter the most.

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Indianapolis Colts defenders Anthony Floyd (right) and Nick Harper (center) break up a pass intended for Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith in Sunday's game. The Colts won, 24-17. (AP Photo/Phil Coale)

Bulldogs bite TSU for Classic victory



South Carolina State quarterback Brett Young.

By BARATO BRITT
Recorder Correspondent

It has been more than two decades, but the celebration that is the Coca-Cola Circle City Classic remains a weekend like no other for African Americans in Indianapolis.

The beauty of the African-American aesthetic is on display for all who converge onto downtown Indy during this special weekend.

From the showcasing of Black college student achievement, to

the exhibition of phat rides and tight gear, the Classic embodies contemporary social life for Black folks, young and old.

Oh, and there is a game in between also.

On the field of play, it was the Tigers that were chewed up and spit out, as the South Carolina State University Bulldogs overwhelmed Tennessee State University for a 30-13 victory in the 21st annual classic.

In a game they controlled throughout, the Bulldogs uncharacteristically rushed for a com-

bined 280 yards, while containing TSU to just five first downs for the entire game.

The win keeps the 3-1 Bulldogs undefeated in Circle City Classic play, and brings them one win away from tying the series against Tennessee State.

SCSU's convincing victory also breaks the head-to-head tie among the school's coaches, with SCSU coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough now a leg up on fourth year TSU head coach James Reese.

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Tennessee State's Avern Alexander falls to tackle South Carolina State's Cotin Martin. (Photos/W. Thomas)

ANALYSIS

After wild season, baseball ready for playoffs

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

After another wild season where records were broken (Ichiro Suzuki broke the single season hits record), milestones were reached (Barry Bonds hit his 700th home run) and history was made (Randy Johnson became the oldest pitcher at 40 to throw a perfect game), the regular season madness has settled and the postseason is ready to begin.

The St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Dodgers, Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, New York Yankees, Minnesota Twins, Anaheim Angels and Boston Red Sox are the eight teams hoping to achieve World Series glory.

Out of all those teams, which ones will make it to the big stage and which ones will buckle under the pressure?

No teams have more pressure on them than St. Louis and New York. The Yankees have the pressure of being run by the most demanding owner in all

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GAME POINTS



A rivalry like no other

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

Sports can bring out the worst in people. Any time competition is involved there's the potential for things to get nasty, but if you add in city pride, years and years of loyalty and a whole lot of money, nasty is the understatement of the century.

Nothing personifies this more than the feud between fans of the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.

These two teams have battled each other for more years than most people have even been alive. The connection between them is almost cosmic. The Red Sox started out in the beginning of the century as one of baseball's most successful franchises, but after they traded the best player in baseball, the "Great Bambino" Babe Ruth, to the Yankees in 1918, they never won a World Series after.

Red Sox fans call it the "Curse of the Bambino" and associate much of the Yankees success with their failure. The absolute hatred that develops from this rivalry is sometimes scary.

Because they have lost so many times in the past century (since 1918 they trail the Yankees in World Series wins 26-0), Boston fans seem to carry the most animosity. By all accounts, Fenway Park in Boston is a much more hostile place for a Yankee fan than Yankee Stadium is for a Red Sox fan. However, each ballpark makes sure to provide extra security during the games these teams play each other.

This rivalry is so large it doesn't stop in just the cities, or even the regions. It spills over into the entire country. How many rivalries do you know that have spawned as many books, television specials and documentaries?

And of course, the intensity is so great the players can't help but feel it every time they compete against each other. In the past two years, there have been two bench-clearing brawls between these teams.

This season Alex Rodriguez, who hadn't even been a Yankee for a full season, got into a fight with Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek. Was this because he hates the Red Sox? Not at all. It's the energy the crowd gives that pushes these players to go all out against each other.

There is no rivalry in all of sports that can match this one. None with the intensity, none with the history and none with the absolute hatred these fans have for each other. It might be scary, and even a little sad, but it makes for some great games.

Show me the money

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

There is nothing like messing with someone's livelihood.

There are a lot of feuds going on in sports right now; Shaq vs. Kobe, Keyshawn Johnson vs. Jon Gruden, the Boston Red Sox vs. the New York Yankees and Terrell Owens vs. Jeff Garcia.

All of the feuds are mildly interesting and give the media something to write and talk about, but none holds a significance like the feud going on between the owners and players of the National Hockey League.

The league locked out its players Sept. 16 threatening to cancel the 2004-05 season and perhaps beyond in an effort by management to gain huge economic change.

The problem is this: money and the little there is to dish out. Management wants a salary cap and the players are dead set against it. Although a salary cap has helped the NBA and the NFL thrive to great economic measures, the players don't care.

The players, who on average make \$1.8 million, say they aren't being paid enough. And the league recently took a major cut in its television contract and spends 70-75 percent of its revenue on player salaries says it doesn't have any more to give. So what gives?

Hockey is basically financed by the fans and even they say they have no more money to give.

While the hockey players want a deal similar to what baseball players had to fight for, in which teams that spend beyond a certain amount have to pay luxury taxes that are distributed to other teams. They also want the owners to share more of their revenue.

The bottom line is the owners want a salary cap but the players don't, which will lead to neither side getting a paycheck for a while.

When the money involved feeds your family and helps you maintain the lifestyle that you're accustomed to, you'll fight for it.

Although it may seem greedy of the players for wanting more money, it can also be seen as greedy that the owners aren't willing to dish out more when it's obvious that the person signing the checks makes more.

There is no feud bigger than when both sides aren't willing to budge and want the same thing.

Shaq, Kobe, Johnson, Gruden, Owens, Garcia, the Red Sox or the Yankees aren't complaining about money. They are being preschool age children arguing over unnecessary things.

The NHL is arguing over money and money is the root of all evil.

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